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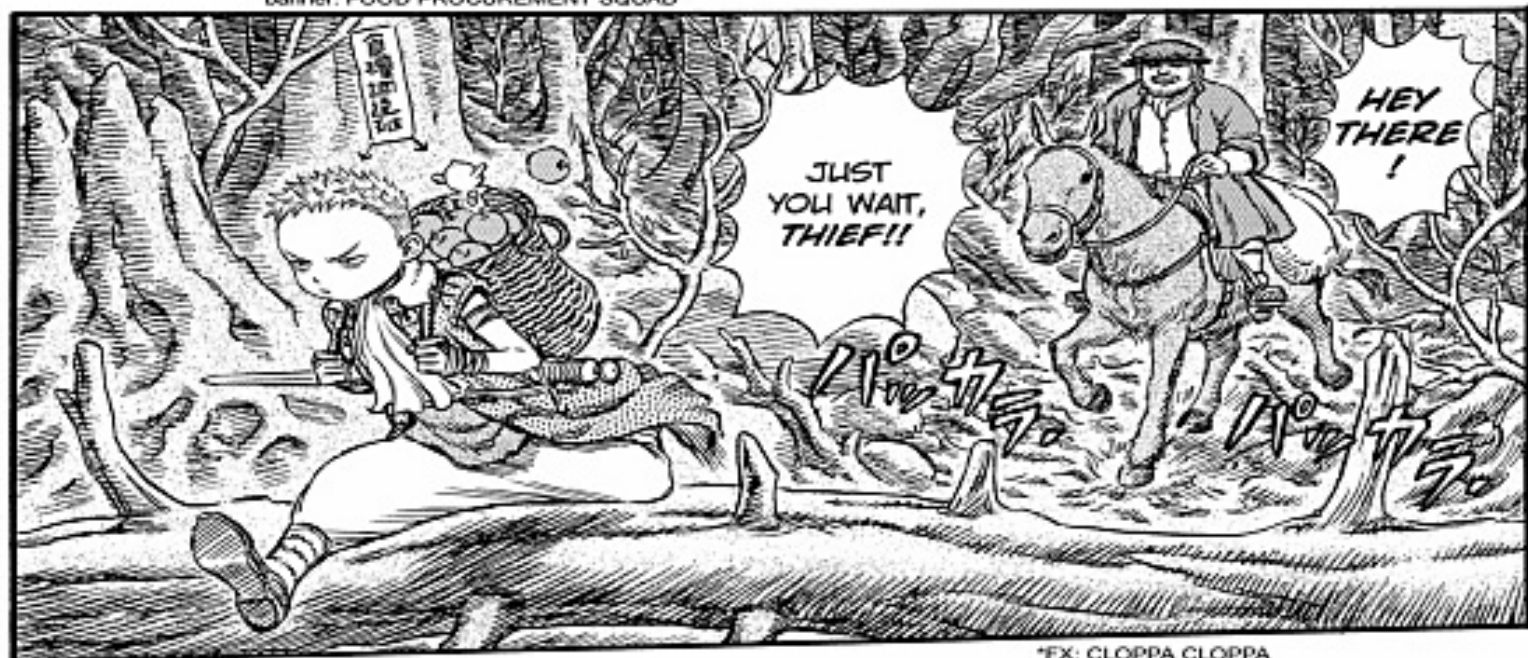
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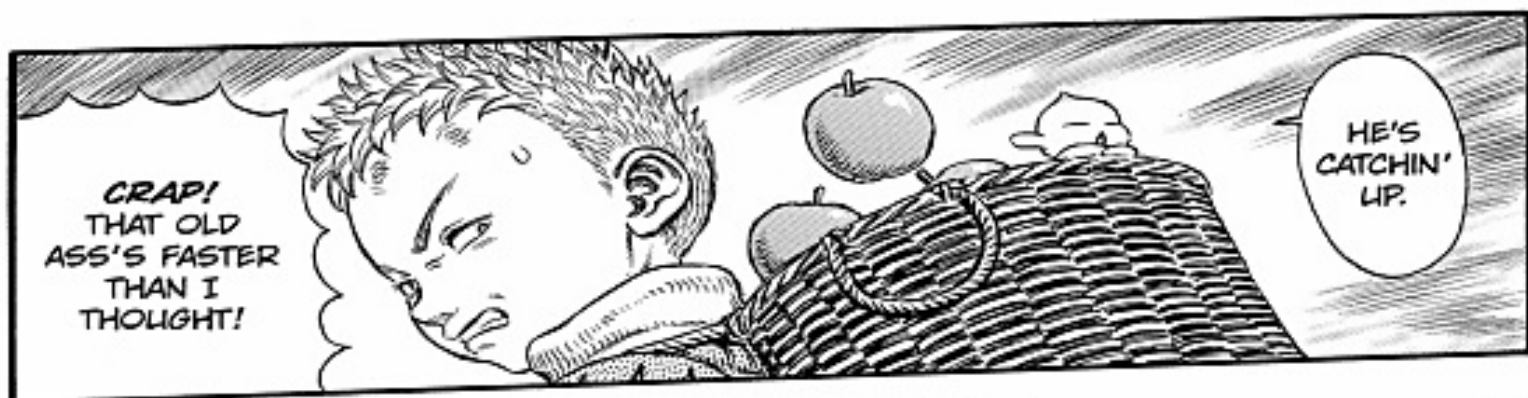


*FX: JUMP

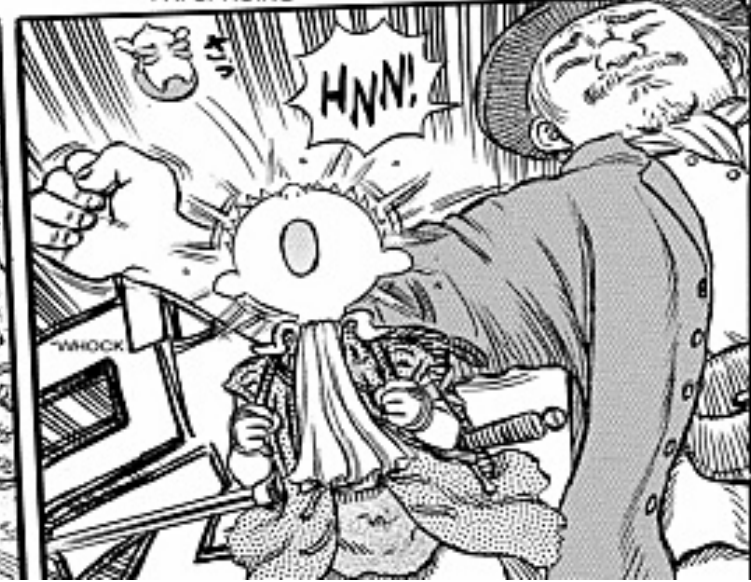
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*FX: CLOPPA CLOPPA



*FX: SPROING



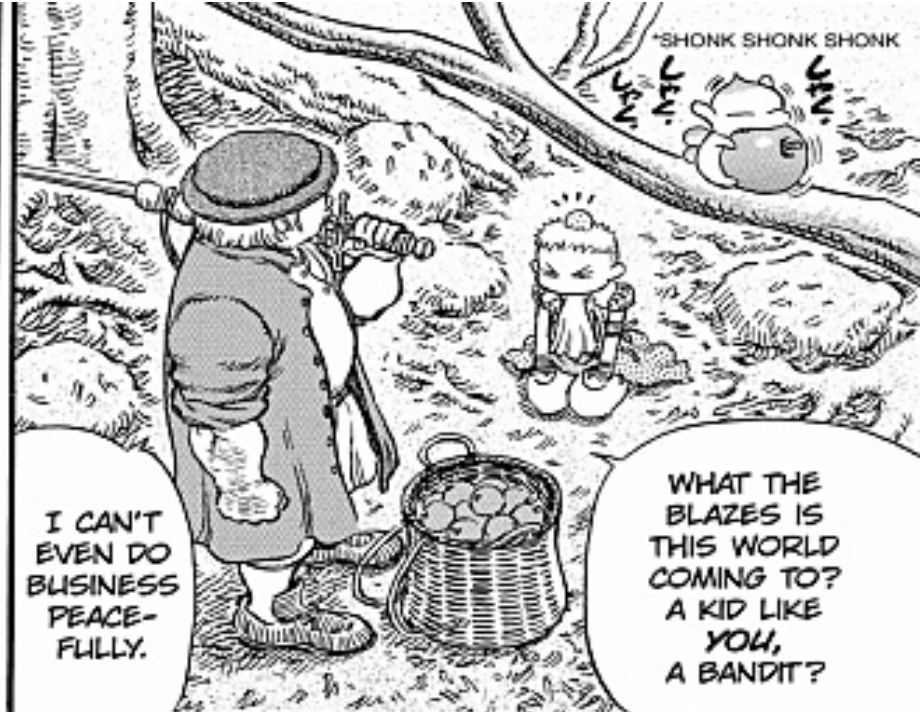


HERE.

*FX: TOSS



MISTER ...



I CAN'T
EVEN DO
BUSINESS
PEACE-
FULLY.

WHAT THE
BLAZES IS
THIS WORLD
COMING TO?
A KID LIKE
YOU,
A BANDIT?



MISTER ...



JUST
KEEP
QUIET
AND
TAKE IT.

I KNOW
WHAT IT'S
LIKE, A KID
LIKE YOU
MAKIN' IT
ON HIS
OWN.



DON'T
LET IT
GET YOU
DOWN,
SONNY.

MISHH-
TERRR!

HNNN
HNNN



ISI--



YOU
ROTTEN
SCOUN-
DRELL!

FLINCH

BLOP

ZHA



HAND 'EM ALL OVER,
STINGY BASTARD.
GROWING BOYS NEED
NOURISHMENT.

YA BULL-
HEADED...

SWITCH TWITCH

EN, EN

I'LL TIE
YOU UP
AND TOSS
YOU IN THE
RIVER!!



HNSAHHHH

YOU WON'T
GET AWAY
WITH THIS,
YOU LITTLE
BRAAAAT!!



FX: EHHRRNN CHOMP CHOMP



FISHIN',
HUH? NO
THANKS.

EHHRRNN

FX: EHHRRNN CHOMP CHOMP



MY GLOVES'RE WORN AND MY JOINTS ACHE.

AHHH, SHIT!
HOW'M I
GONNA LAND
A HIT ON
GUTS?

THAT'LL BE
TOUGH WITH
YOUR SKILLS
AND HIM BEIN'
NEARLY A
MONSTER AND
ALL.



V'YOU
TRIED
THROWIN'
STONES?
LIKE
BEFORE?

IT'S
MEANING-
LESS IF
IT AIN'T
SWORD-
PLAY!

*FX: SHNK SHNK

*FX: WHOP

*FX: WHIP



YEAH,
WELL
...

BUT WHEN
IT COMES TO
STONES, YOU
REALLY ARE
GOOD.

*FX: FLAP FLAP

*FX: COOO



I'VE
SURVIVED
'CAUSE OF
THESE AND
MY WITS.

AND YOUR
IMPUDENCE
AND
DEPRIVITY
...

THERE'S
NO WAY
I CAN
STAND UP
TO AN
ADULT IN
A FAIR
FIGHT.



TWO-HANDED
THROWIN'.
NOW THAT'S
SKILL.

GOT
SOME
MEAT!
BIG HAUL
TODAY.

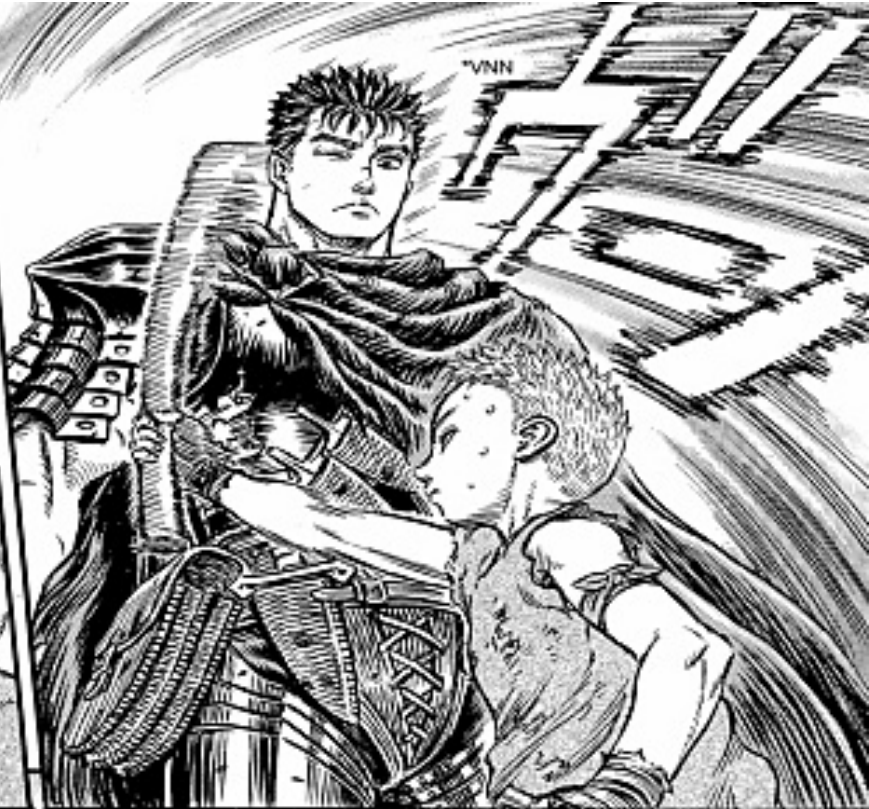
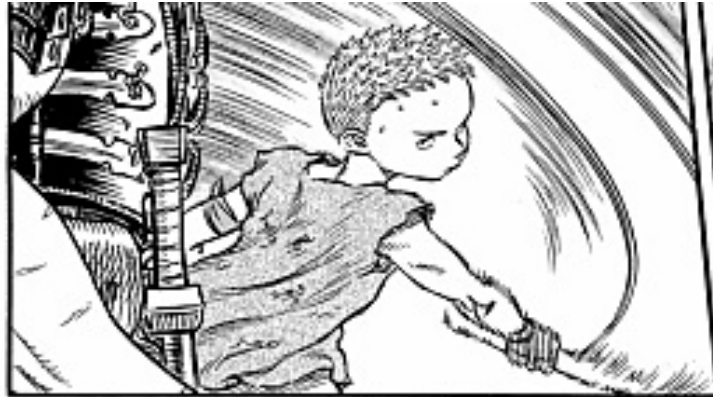


FX: CLENCH

FX: ZHAAAAAH



WHOA.





ACTUALLY,
NO. YOU
WERE
REALLY
ON A ROLL
THERE.

R...
REALLY
?



SON
OF A
BITCH!
I KNEW
IT!

AN ELF'S
WORK IS
NEVER
DONE.



WIELDING
WITH BOTH
HANDS SO
YOU CAN
FEINT WAS
ALSO A
GOOD IDEA.

USE YOUR SMALL
SIZE TO YOUR
ADVANTAGE AND
ATTACK FROM
BELOW, 'CAUSE
MOST FIGHTERS
DON'T EXPECT
LOW BLOWS.



ABOUT
WHAT?

HEY.
YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THIS?

YOU'D BEST
LAND YOUR
LAST STRIKE
WHERE YOU
CAN SEE
GARMENTS.
IT'D BE
IMPOSSIBLE
TO PEN-
ETRATE
ARMOR
WITH YOUR
STRENGTH.



BUT IF YOU
ONLY ATTACK
FROM BELOW,
YOUR ENEMIES'LL
GET USED TO IT.
YOU NEED A PLAN
THEY CAN'T SEE
THROUGH.

UH-
HUH...





YEAH,
BUT...!

AREN'T YOU
LAYIN' THE
GROUNDWORK
EVERY DAY
?



EVERYTHING
ABOUT US
IS DIFFERENT,
INCLUDING
FIGHTING
STYLES.

FOR
STARTERS,
YOU WON'T
GET ANY-
WHERE
IMITATIN'
ME, RIGHT
?



YOU SURE
ABOUT A
NOVICE LIKE
ME LEARNIN'
THESE
KINDS OF
IMPROVISED
TACTICS?

AIN'T TRAININ'
ABOUT PRACTICIN'
BASICS FOR A
LONG TIME
BEFORE LEARNIN'
TECHNIQUES
AND STUFF?

THEN HOW
'BOUT THE
TRADITIONAL
SCHOOL OF ELF
DIMENSION
STYLE?



TALK ABOUT
PATIENT.

*TMP
T.T.T.
*TMP
T.T.T.

OR DO YOU
PLAN TO WAIT
AND TRAIN
FOR DECADES
TO BECOME
SOME MASTER
BEFORE GOIN'
OUT TO THE
BATTLEFIELD?



IN
THAT
CASE
...

...ALL YOU
CAN DO
IS WORK
WITH WHAT
YOU'VE
CURRENTLY
GOT.



YOU
BET
YOUR
ASS I
DON'T
!!

Y...

YOU DON'T JUST HAVE ONE OPPONENT, AND THERE'S ARROWS AND CANNONBALLS FLYIN' AROUND. YOU CAN'T SURVIVE ONLY ON SWORD SKILLS. THAT SAID, IT AIN'T UNCOMMON FOR SOME HALF-ASSED MASTER TO GET SWARMED AND KILLED BY SOME GANG WANTIN' TO GET FAMOUS.

BESIDES, A BATTLEFIELD'S DIFFERENT FROM EXHIBITION GAMES.

ISN'T THAT...

...HOW YOU'VE MADE IT THIS FAR?

I TOLD YOU ALREADY. STRAIN WHAT FEW WITS YOU HAVE AND THINK FOR YOURSELF.

THEN, HOW DO YOU...

THAT WAS COOOOLD.

ON THAT NOTE, ELF DIMENSION STYLE IS ONE OF FORCE, MAN TO MAN...

.....

RATHER KIND OF YOU.

WOULD YOU MIND JOINING ME IN GATHERING FIREWOOD?

FEH!



FX: ZHAAAAAH

...YOU
WON'T
EVER
DO 'EM!

IF YOU
WON'T DO
THINGS
WHEN YOU
CAN...

YOU
AREN'T
READY
YET...!

ISIDRO,
STOP
THIS!



FX: ZHAAAAAH



...ON A
BATTLEFIELD
SINCE THE
TIME I RAN
OUT ON THE
VILLAGE.

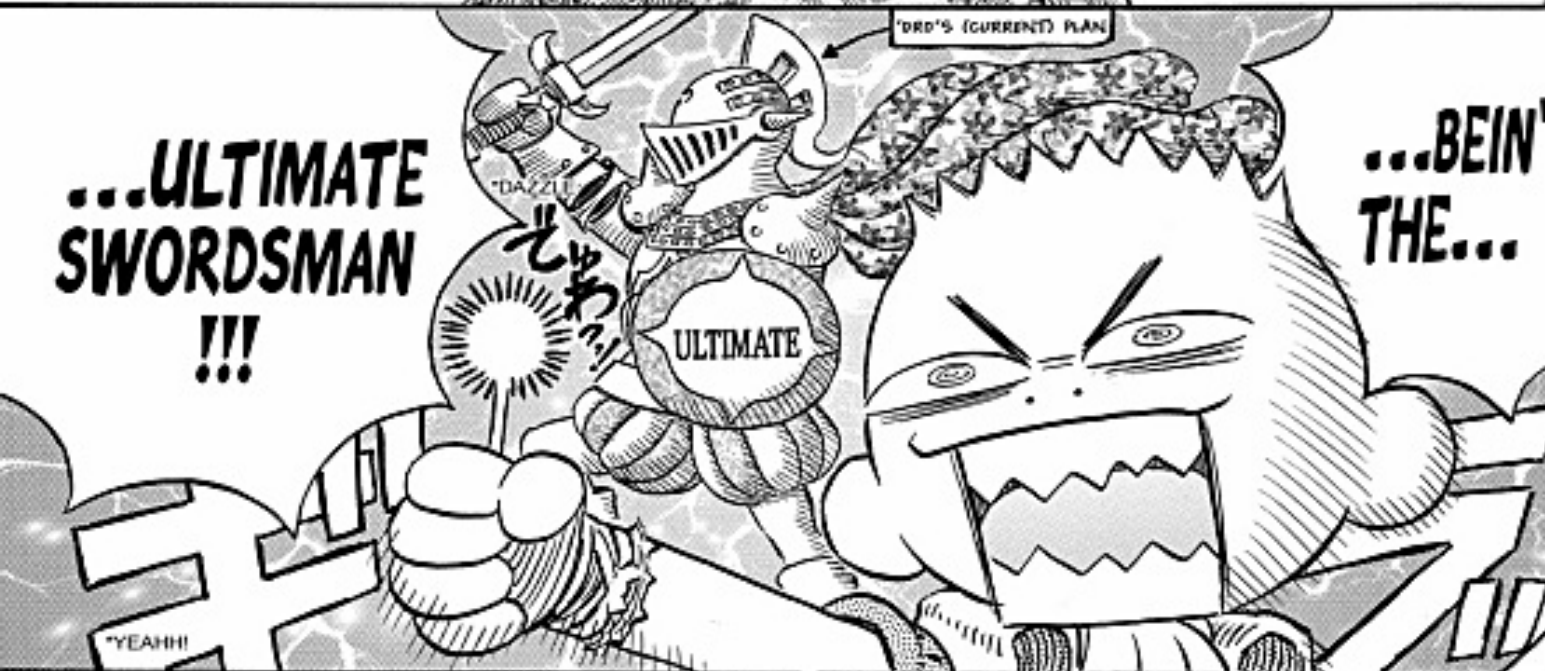
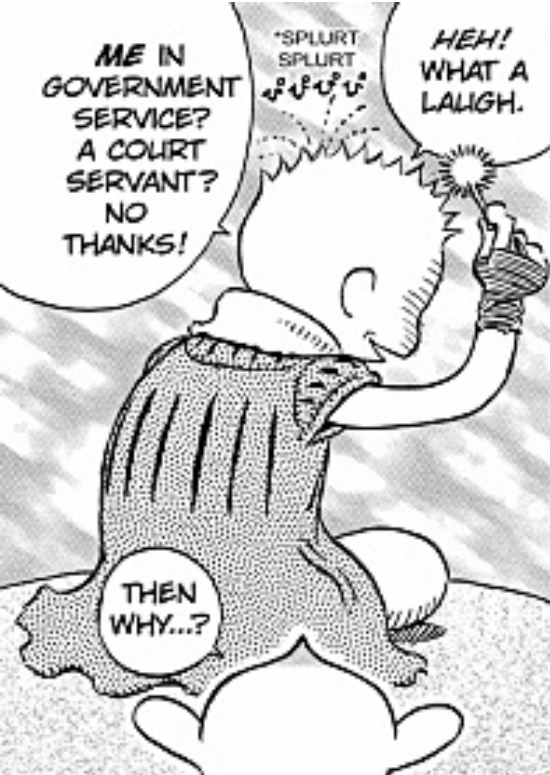


THINKIN'
ABOUT IT,
MAYBE I'VE
BEEN...

I'LL BE
THE ONE
WHO USES
THEM!!



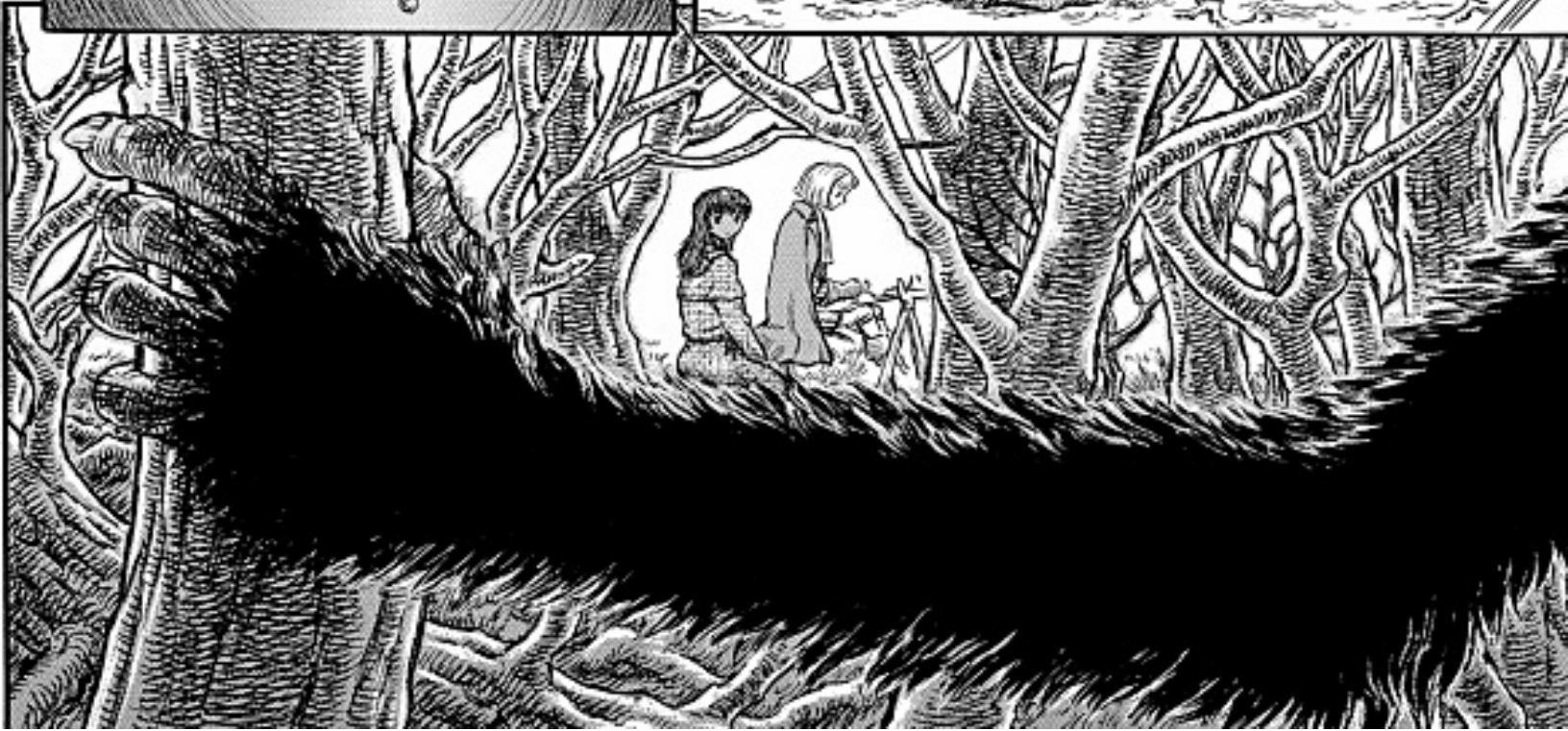
IT WAS
CARELESS
OF ME TO
RELY ON
OTHERS!





*FX: TWITCH

*FX: WHEWWW





*FX: HYNIN





...I AM
THINKING
HOW NICE
IT WOULD
BE IF
YOU DIED.

TO BE
PERFECTLY
FRANK...



THERE'S
THAT FACE
AGAIN,
FINALLY.

HEH!

*FX: POK



...THIS
IS WHAT
SHE
HERSELF
WISHES.

HOW-
EVER...

IF I COULD,
I WOULD
LIKE TO
MAKE HER
ABANDON
THIS
RECKLESS
JOURNEY
AT ONCE.



BY GOING
ALONG WITH
YOU, LADY
FARNESE IS
EXPOSED
TO DANGER.



I DO NOT
KNOW THAT
DEFENSE-
LESS
SIDE
OF HER.

IT'S NOT
LIKE LADY
FARNESE
AT ALL...



THAT FACE,
LIKE AN
INFANT THAT'S
CRIED ITS
EYES OUT...





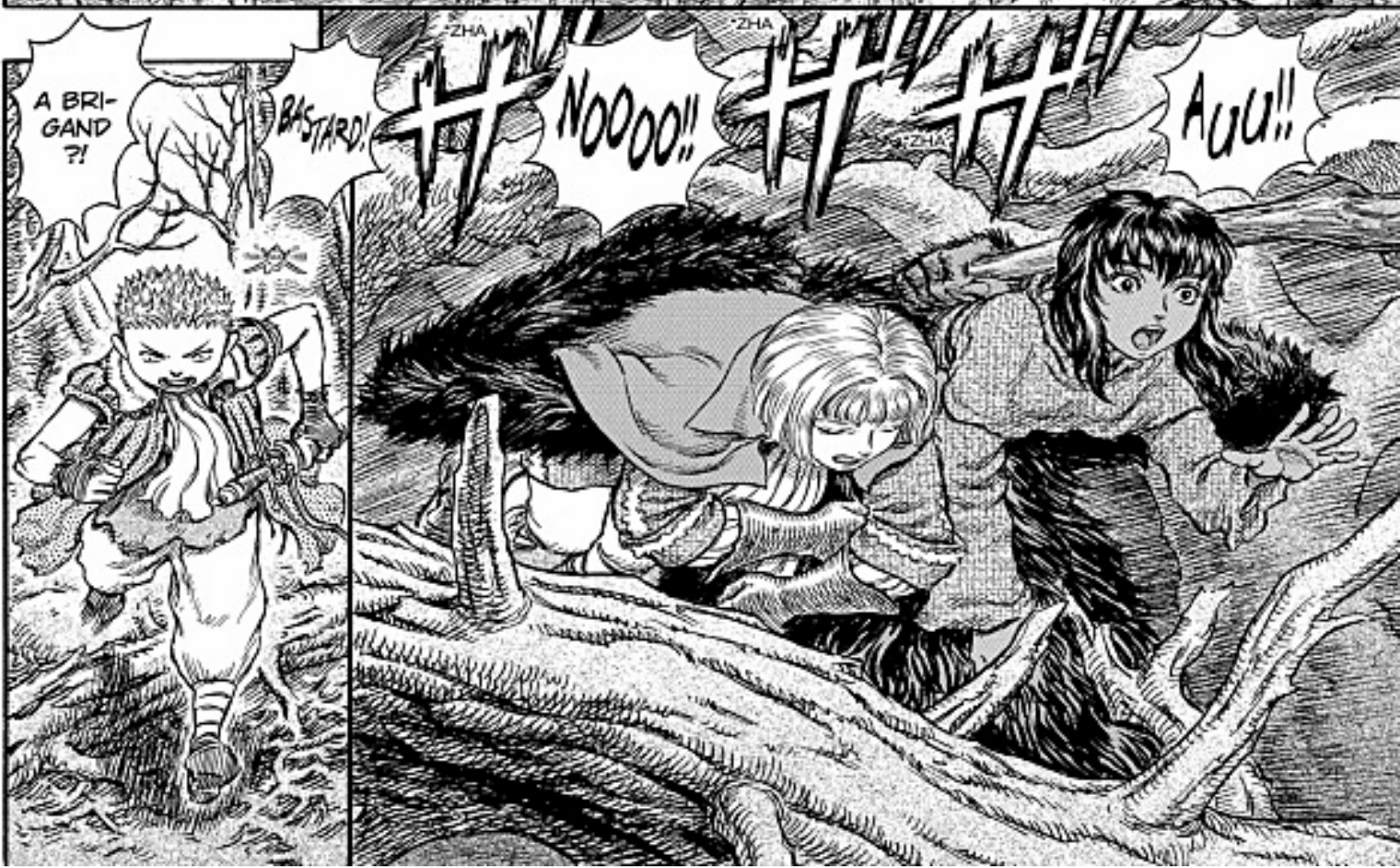
EE
EE
EK!



WHAT
HAP-
PENED
?!

WHAT
THE--
?!

*FX: TAP TMP

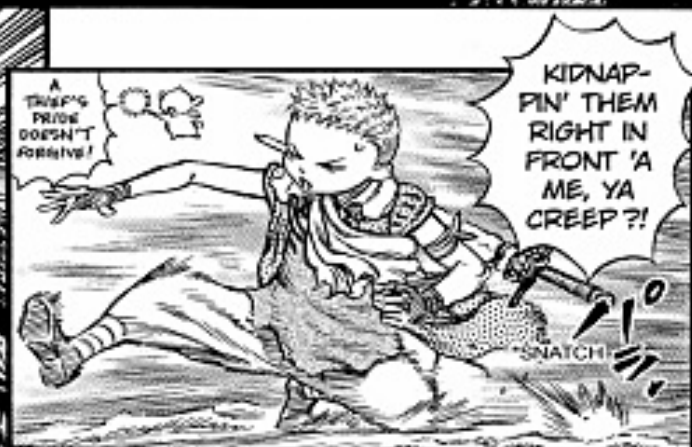


A BRI-
GAND
?!

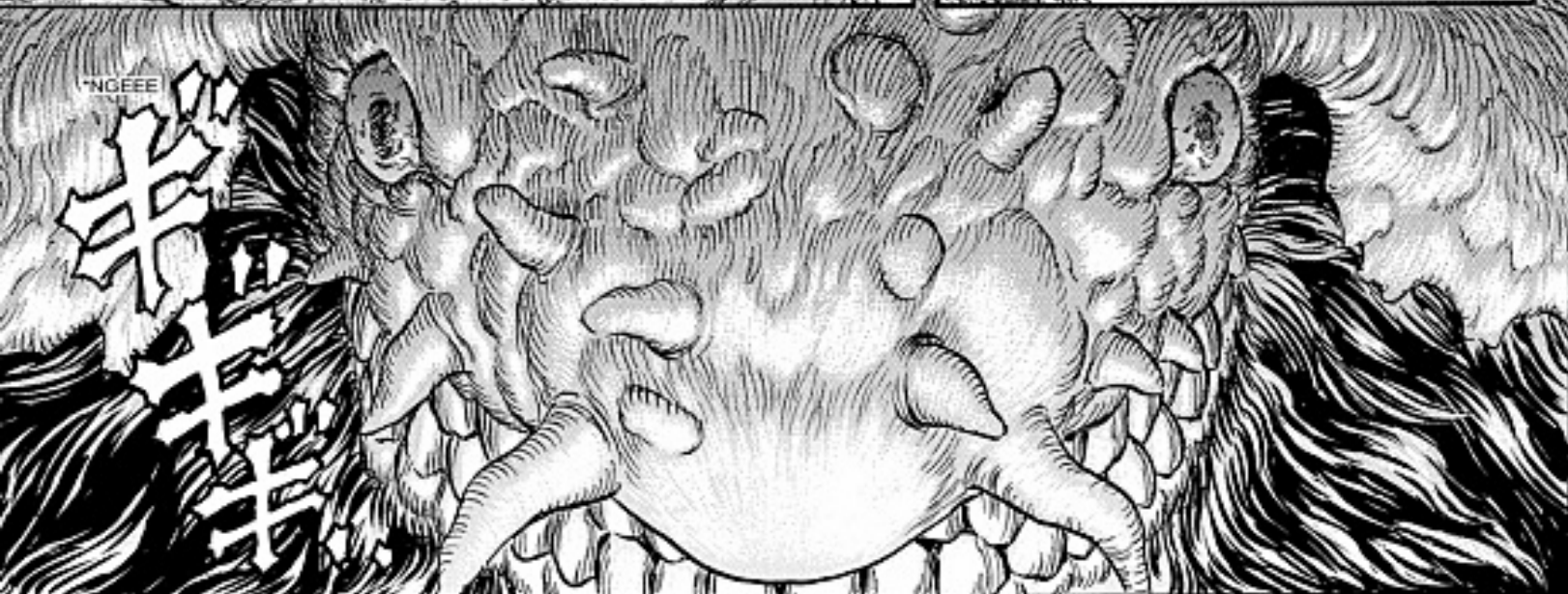
BASTARD!

Noooo!!

Auu!!









NO,
WAIT.



*FX: SNATCH



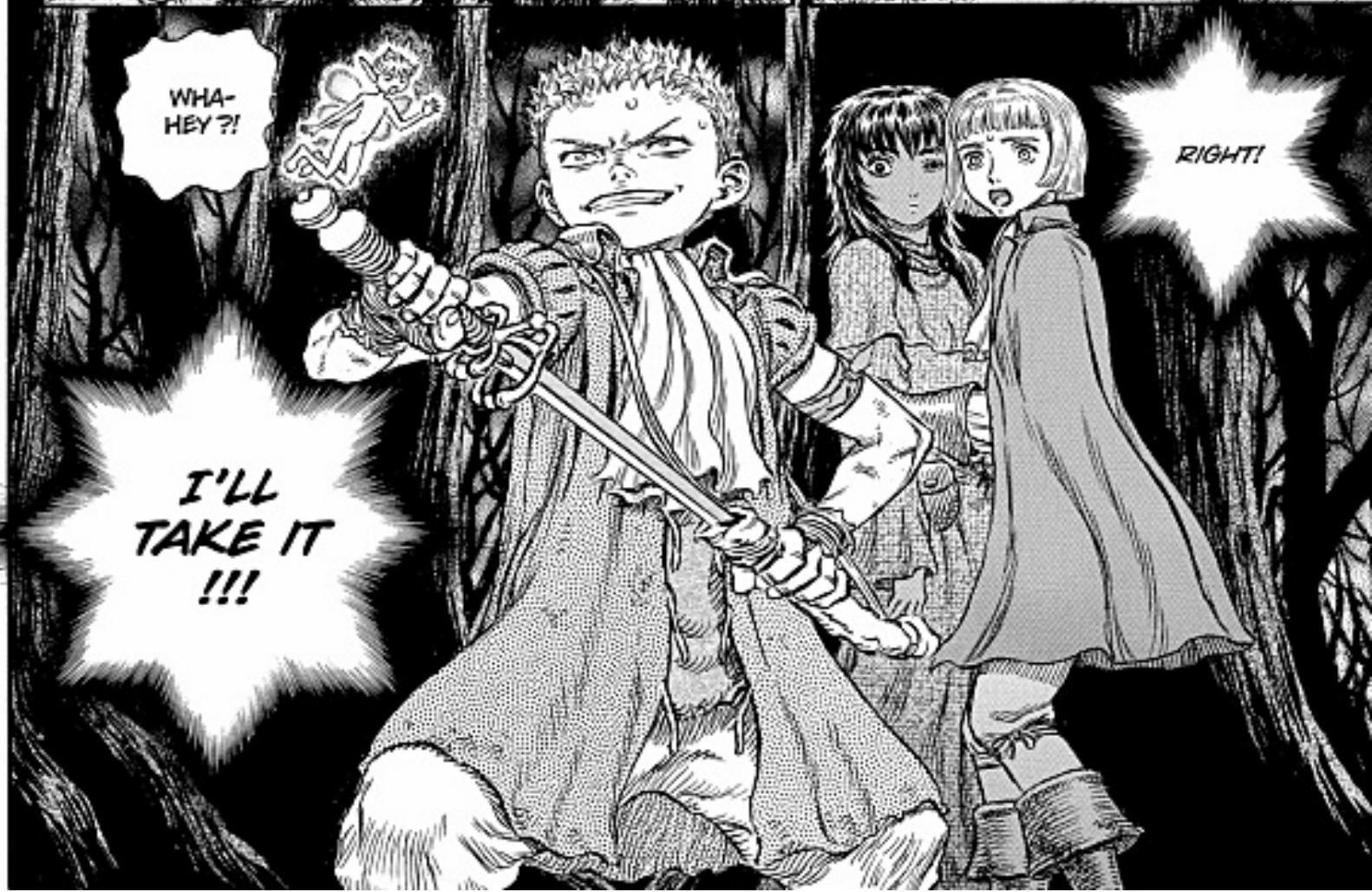
H-
HERE IT
COMES,
ISIDRO,
STONES,
STONES!

WE
SHOULD
HURRY
AND GET
AWAY...!!



WHEN
YOU LOOK
CLOSE, IT'S
NOT BUILT
ALL THAT
BIG...

JUST ONE
ENEMY.



WHA-
HEY?!

I'LL
TAKE IT
!!!

RIGHT!



WHATTA
WE DO?

HEYYY
...



UH-OH.
NOW
THEY'RE
GONNA
DIE.



FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC
THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER

THE WITCH

魔女

BERSERK





ISIDRO!



*FX: GYANNING

*FX: CRACK!

*ARR
ARR



DA
HA!!!



IT AIN'T
NEARLY
AS SLOW
AS IT
LOOKS!!

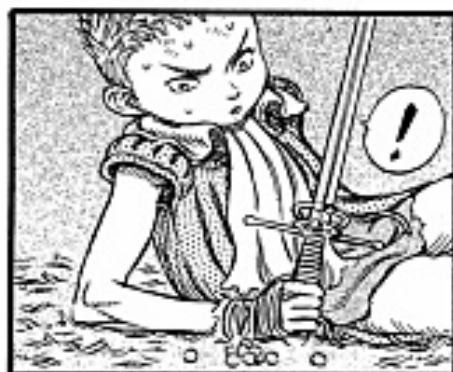
WHAT
THE
HELL?!





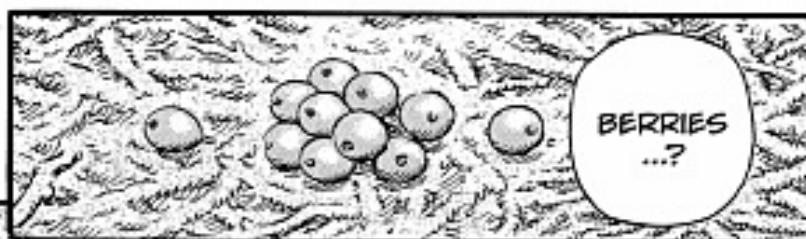


*FX: PSH



*FX: SPRING

*FX: GYAW!



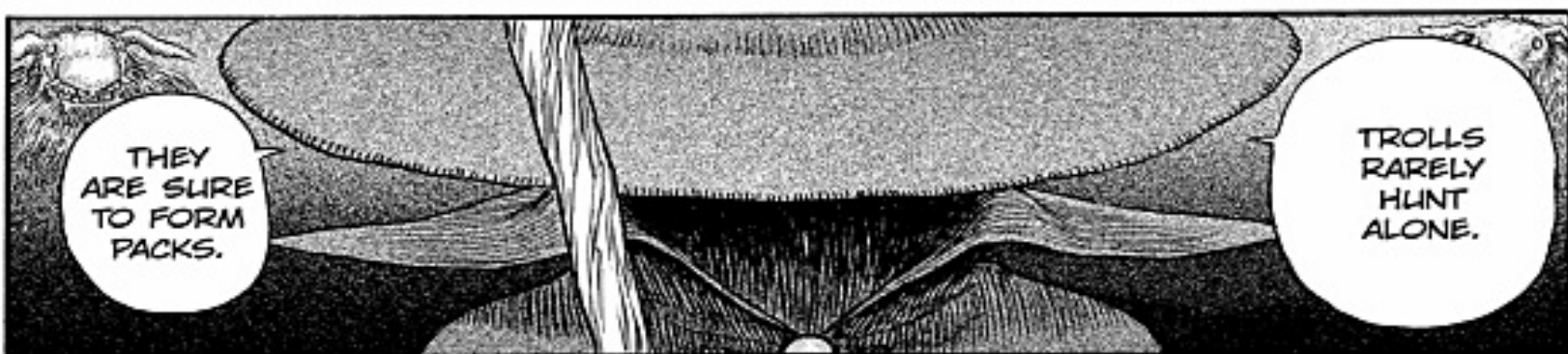




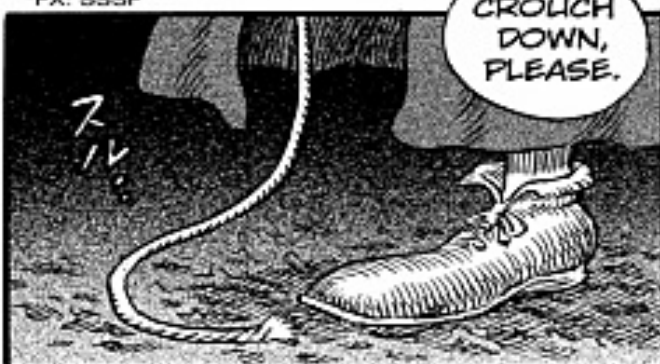
BE
QUIET.

THERE IS
DANGER.





*FX: SSSF



*FX: HINN





WHATEVER
HAPPENS
...

LISTEN
CLOSELY.



...YOU MUST
NOT EXIT
OR DISTURB
THIS CIRCLE.



...IS A
MAGIC
RITUAL!

THIS...

IT'S
MAGIC
!

WH-
WHAT IS
THIS?

MAGIC
...?!



THEN
DOES THAT
MEAN...?!





AN
ELF!!

ONE
A' ME!
WOWEE!

AMRM
...



THAT'S
WHAT IT
MEANS.

THAAAT'S
RIGHT!

SHE'S A
WITCH!

ケヨイ
*ZHMP



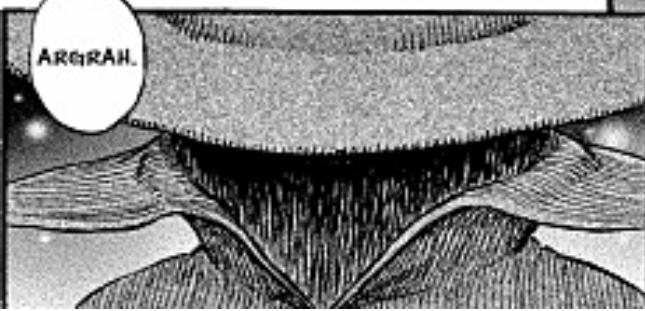
...SO YOU
BETTER
SHUSH
AND NOT
BOTHER
HER, IF
YOU DON'T
WANNA
DIE.
♡

WHAT SHE'S
CHANTIN'
RIGHT NOW
IS A SPELL
TO PROTECT
ALL YOU
FROM THE
SHAGGIES...



ADONAI
TSABAUT.

EEHE-
HEH.



ARRRAH.



*SWSS

ス
ズ

YOSO
HEEH YAU
HEEH.

WROA!
WHAT'S
HIS
DEAL?!

I'VE
MISSED
THAT!

HE
SHRUNK!

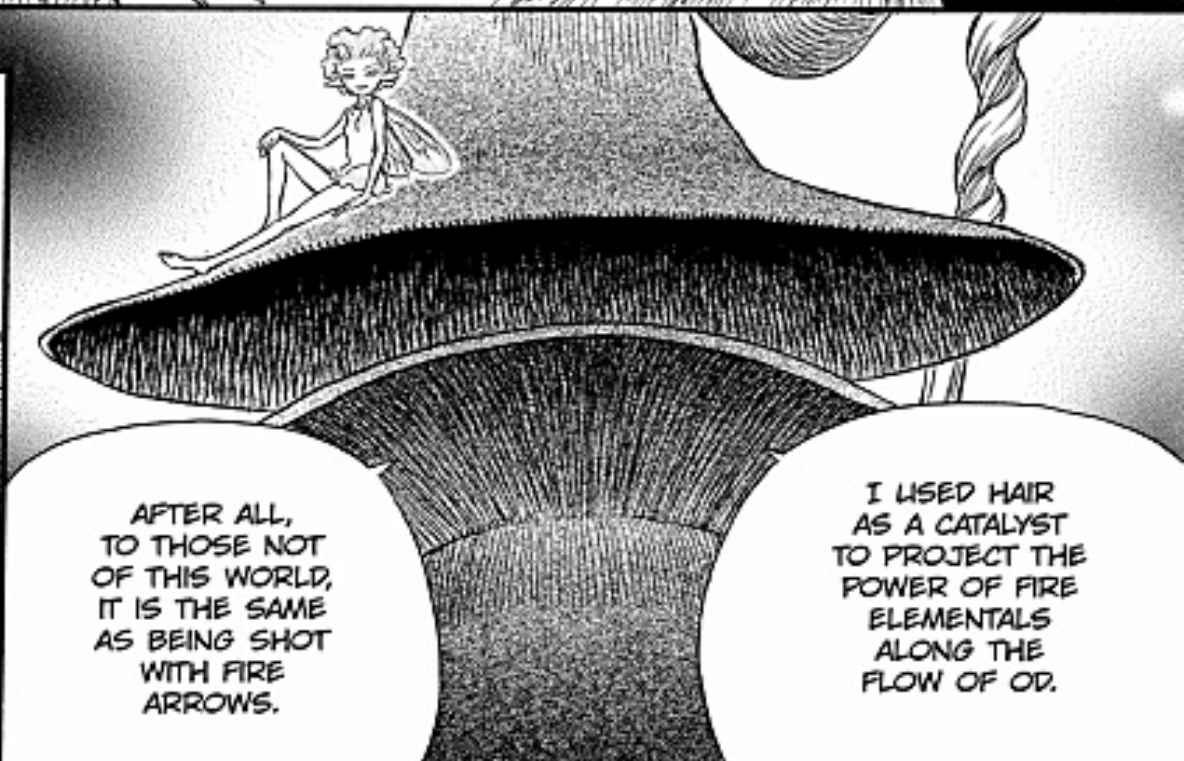






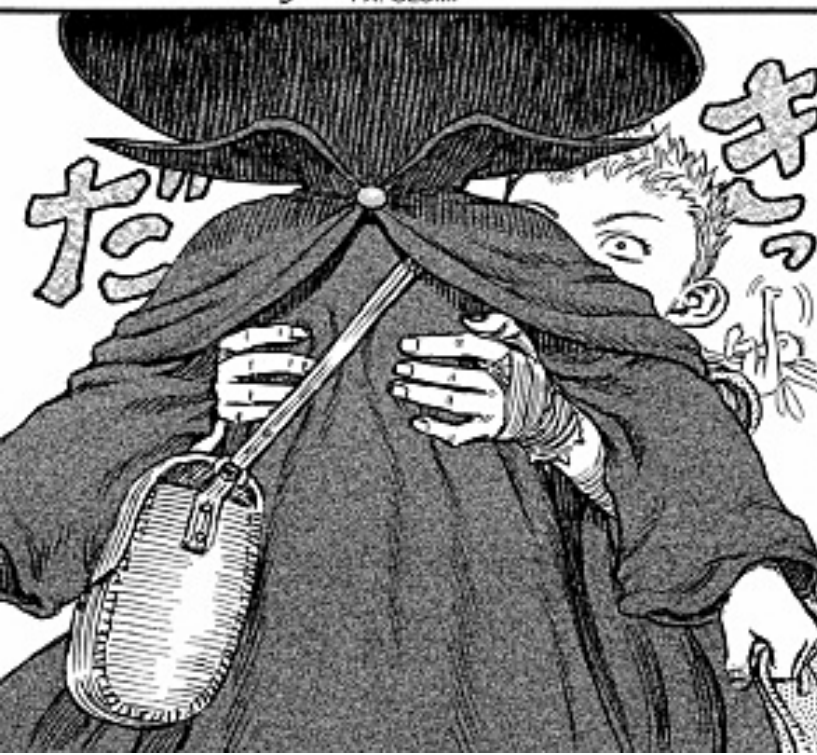
*FX: NGA NGA







*FX: GLOMP

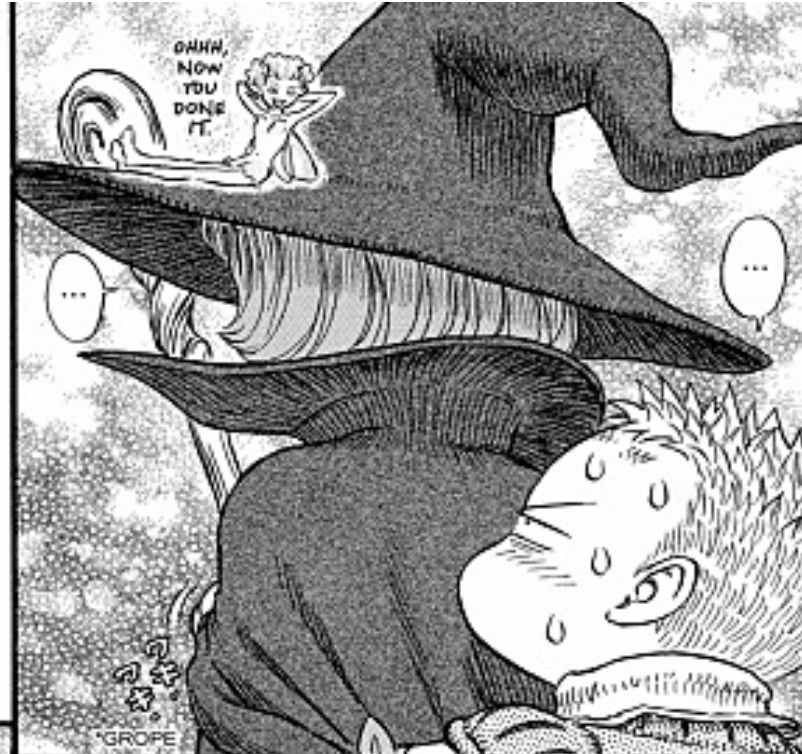


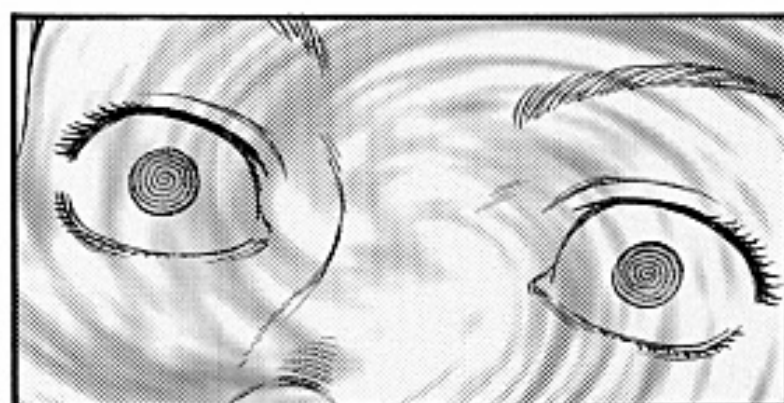
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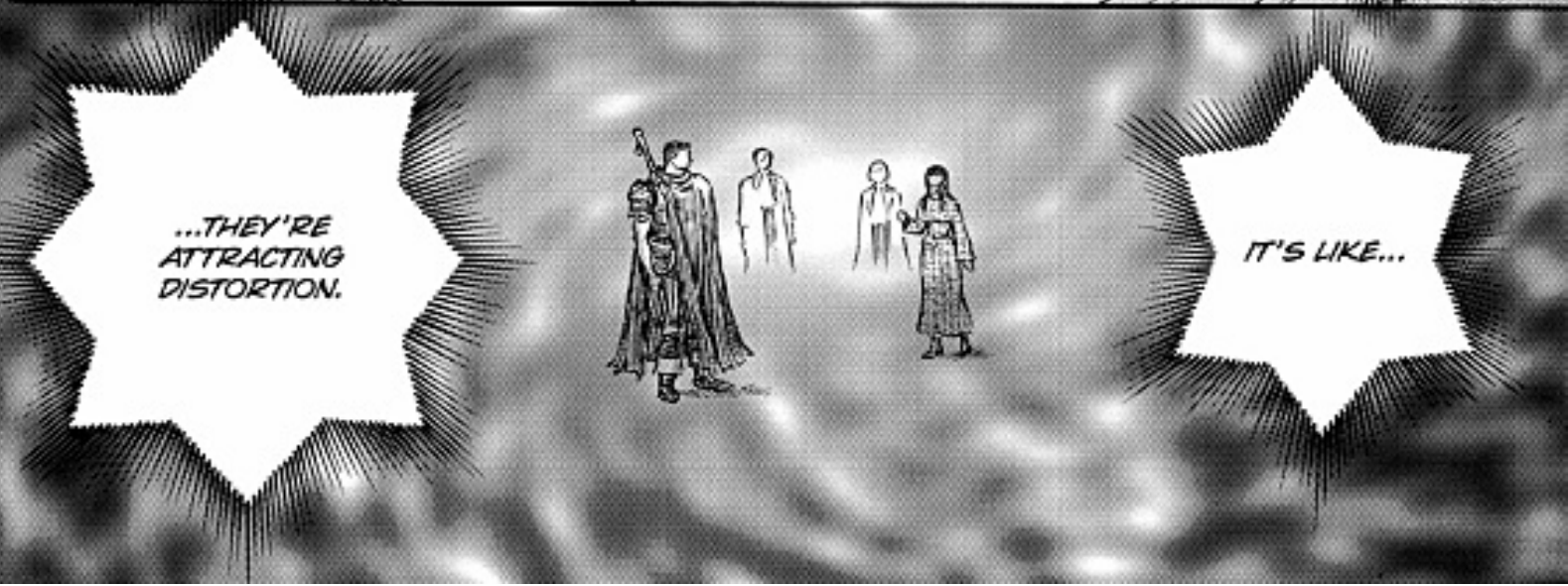


*FX: SWIP









THAT DAMN
WITCH KID!
OOK!

SON'VA
BITCH!
OOK!

*FX: OOK

YES.
THANKS TO
YOU, OUR
TWO WOMEN
WERE SAFE.

GOOD
JOB, FOR
YOU.

I AIN'T
SATISFIED!
OOK!

WHEN'LL
I GO
BACK TO
NORMAL?
OOK!

THANKS
A LOT.

...IN THE END,
YOU WERE
SAVED BY WITCH
GIRL, TOO,
MONKICHI.

WELL...

OOK!
QUIT THAT!
YOU TELLIN' ME THAT
MAKES ME FEEL
ALL CREEPY!
OOK!

*FX: EEEE!

YOU
WITH YOUR
SPEECH
IMPEDI-
MENT!

WHO'S
A MON-
KICHI?
OOK!

I MEAN IT.



...NOTHING
LIKE THAT
HAPPEN
AGAIN.



I'D
RATHER...

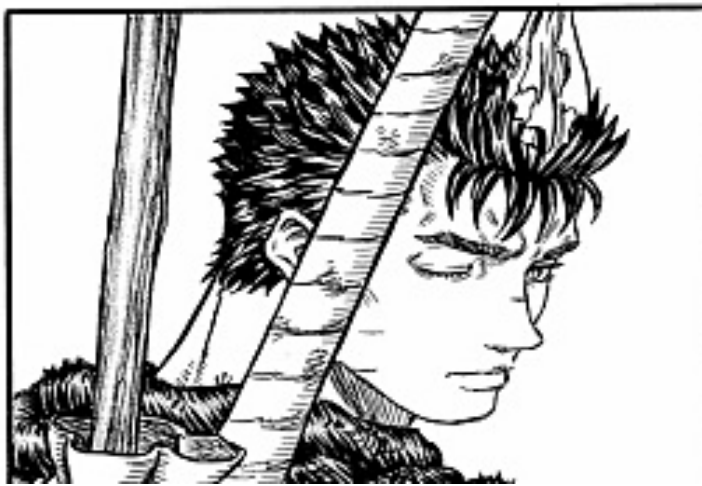
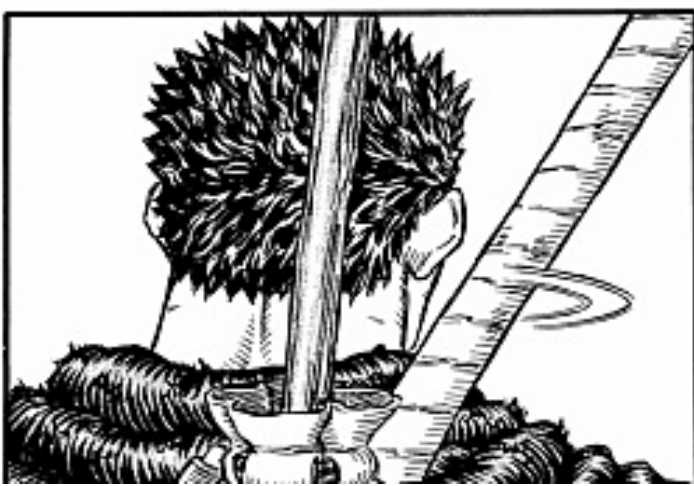


"SCOOT"



SHE SEEMS
TO HAVE
COMPLETELY
TAKEN TO
LADY
FARNESE.

W...
WELL,
PERHAPS
...





*FX: OOKEE!



I WOULD...

I HAVE SEEN
ENOUGH
GHOSTS AND
MONSTERS
RECENTLY
TO BE SICK
OF THEM.

NO,
I DID
NOT
MEAN
THAT.



WHO'RE
YOU TO
TALK?

YEAH,
COME TO
THINK
OF IT.

I WAS JUST
THINKING THAT,
COMPARED
TO THOSE,
THEY SEEM
A BIT FAIRY
TALE-ISH.

COULD
THERE
BE AN
APOSTLE?

TROLLS
AND A
WITCH.

Hm?

WHAT
THE...?

TH-THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.
YOU SAVED
ME.

WHAT IN
THE WORLD
HAPPENED
?

WE'RE
NOT
GONNA
EATCHA.

HERE,
HOLD
STILL.

THE SUN'S
STILL HIGH,
ANYWAY.

FINE BY
ME.

IS THERE
ANY WAY
WE CAN
SEE HIM
THERE?

THERE
WERE FIVE
OTHERS
WITH ME,
BUT THEY
ALL...

WE WERE
ATTACKED
BY
TROLLS.

YOU WILL
NEVER MAKE
IT BACK
ALONE WITH
THOSE
INJURIES.

MY VILLAGE
IS ABOUT
AN HOUR
FROM
HERE.

ARE
YOU FROM
AROUND
HERE,
SIR?

THE
TROLLS,
HUH...?

...BUT THIS
AREA HAS
FOR A LONG
TIME HELD
MANY LEGENDS
OF FAIRIES,
WITCHES,
AND THE
LIKE.

I AM FROM
ENOCH
VILLAGE.
I'M
MORGAN.

AS
TRAVELERS,
YOU MIGHT
NOT KNOW
THIS...

THERE
IS SOME-
WHERE I
ABSO-
LUTELY
MUST GO
FIRST.

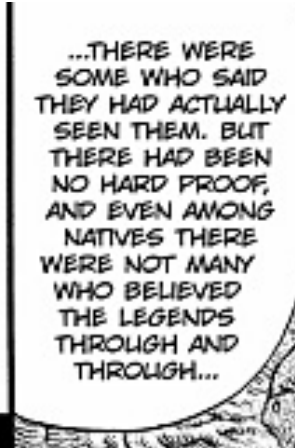
I
APOLO-
GIZE, BUT
I CANNOT
RETURN
HOME
JUST
YET...

?



CURSED NIGHT?

...UNTIL THAT CURSED NIGHT CAME.



...THERE WERE SOME WHO SAID THEY HAD ACTUALLY SEEN THEM. BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO HARD PROOF, AND EVEN AMONG NATIVES THERE WERE NOT MANY WHO BELIEVED THE LEGENDS THROUGH AND THROUGH...



ALTHOUGH THAT IS THE REALM OF FABLE AND FOLKLORE...



JUST LIKE THEY HAD FALLEN OUT OF A TALE...

THE FIRST NIGHT OF WINTER...

...A PACK OF TROLLS ATTACKED THE VILLAGE.

...THEY EMERGED FROM THE DARKNESS.



AS IF ALL THAT HAD BEEN BEFORE WAS A LIE...



YES, EVER SINCE THAT NIGHT IT'S LIKE THE WHOLE WORLD HAS CHANGED.



NOT ONLY DO THEY RUIN THE FIELDS AND STEAL LIVESTOCK...

THEY EVEN CARRY OFF OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.




A LEGEND
FOR A
LEGEND...



NOW WE
ARE RAIDED
BY CREATURES
OF LEGEND...
IT IS JUST
A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE
THE VILLAGE IS
WIPE OUT!

BECAUSE OF
THE WAR WITH
THE KUSHAN,
HEAVY TAXES
ARE IMPOSED
ON THE PEOPLE.
ENOCH VILLAGE
WAS POOR TO
BEGIN WITH, AND
IT WILL BE ALL
WE CAN DO NOT
TO STARVE TO
DEATH THIS
WINTER!



...WOULD HE
EVER SEND
SOLDIERS
FOR SUCH
NONSENSE
LIKE
TROLLS?!

EVEN
IF WE
WERE
TO TELL
HIM...

OUR LORD
HAS BEEN
DISPATCHED
TO VRITANNIS,
AND THE
CASTLE IS NOW
EMPTY.

THEN DO
YOU PLAN
TO APPEAL
DIRECTLY
TO YOUR
LORD?

THEN
WHAT'LL
YOU DO
?

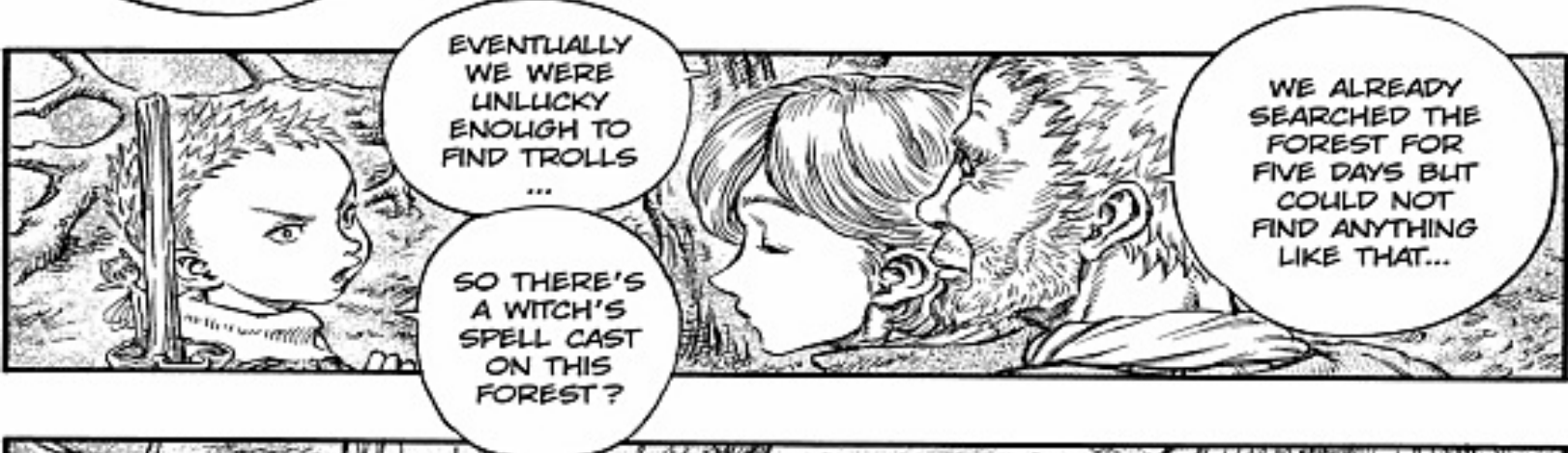


WE THOUGHT
WE WOULD
REQUEST
HELP FROM
A WITCH.

A WITCH.

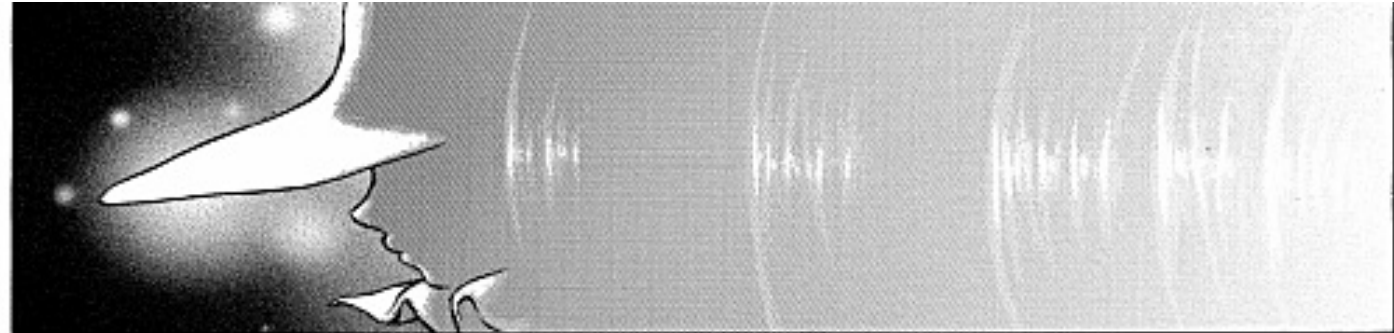


A
WITCH
...?!



*FX: WSSS







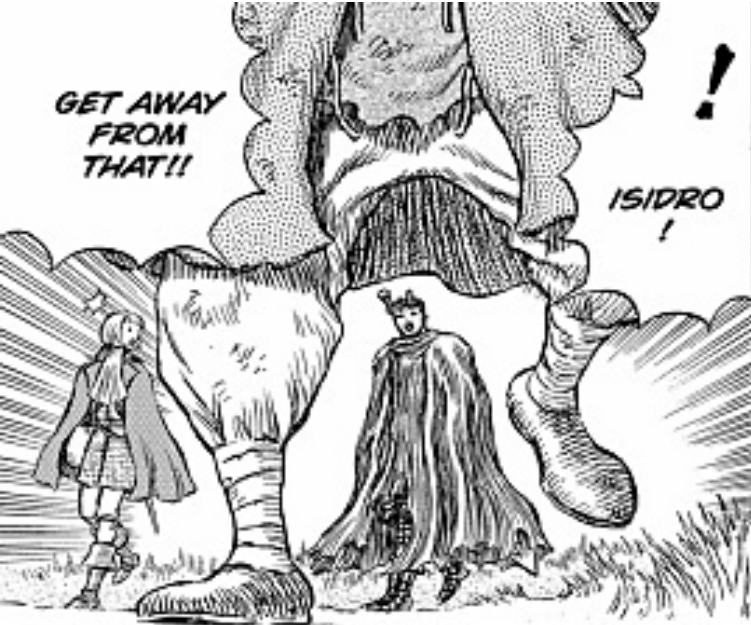


THIS OLD
FAMILIAR
FEELING
...

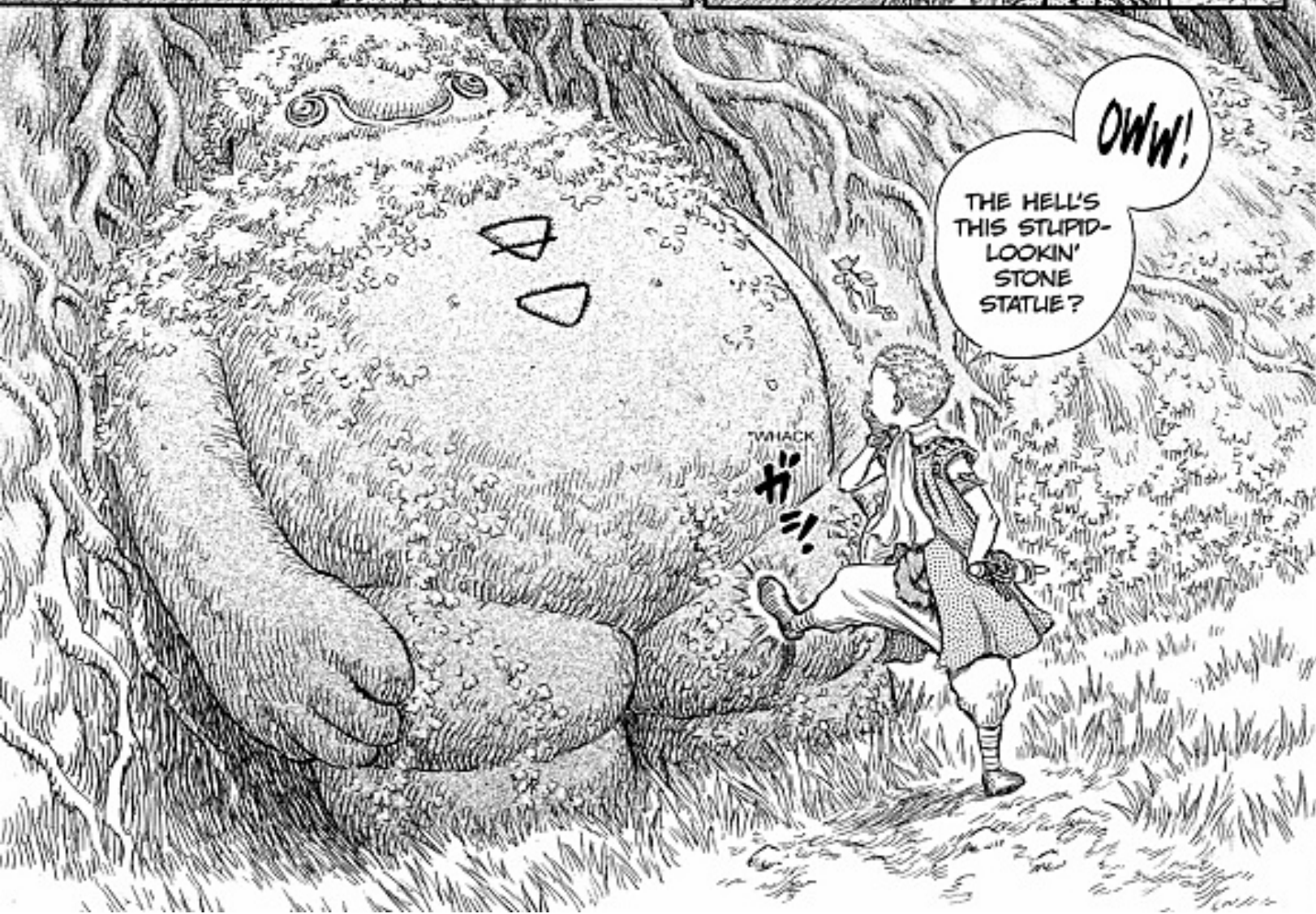
WHAT'S
THIS?







*FX: WHUMP



...USED AS
A HELPER
OR HOUSE
GUARD BY
WITCHES.

IT'S
A MUD
PUPPET
...

GHAR
...

IT'S GOT
AN AFRO!
OH, THAT'S
FUNNY, WITCH!

THIS
ISN'T A
STONE
STATUE.

IT'S
CALLED A
GOLEM.

DA
HA
HA!

"WHOOM"

RAA
AA
AA!









FX: ZMMM



MR.
MORGAN
!!

W-WAIT,
PLEASE!
LISTEN
TO....!!



KEEP
BACK,
MISTER
!!

THESE
THINGS
WON'T
LISTEN TO
TALK!!

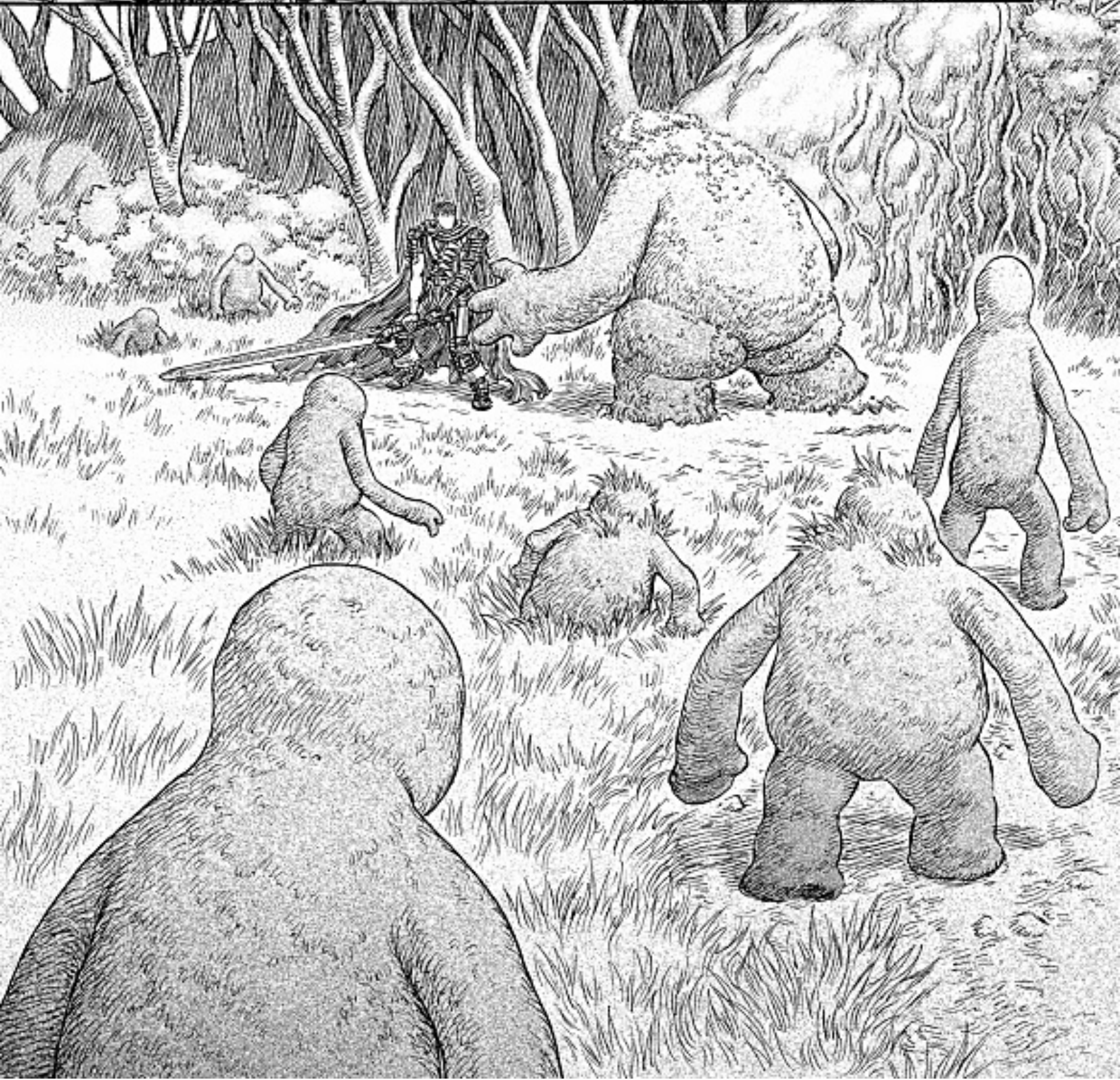


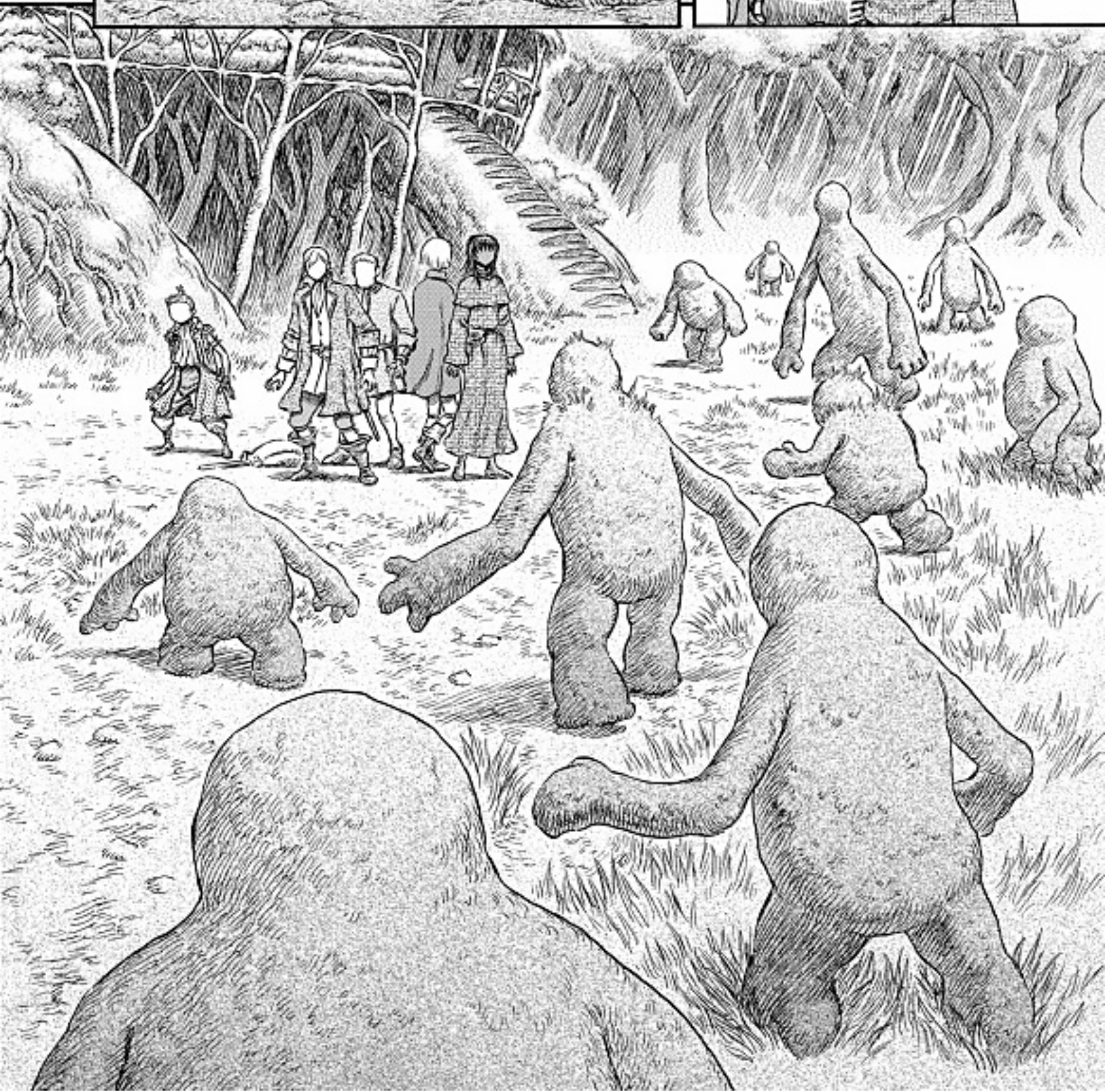
NO,
SOMETHING'S
DIFFERENT...

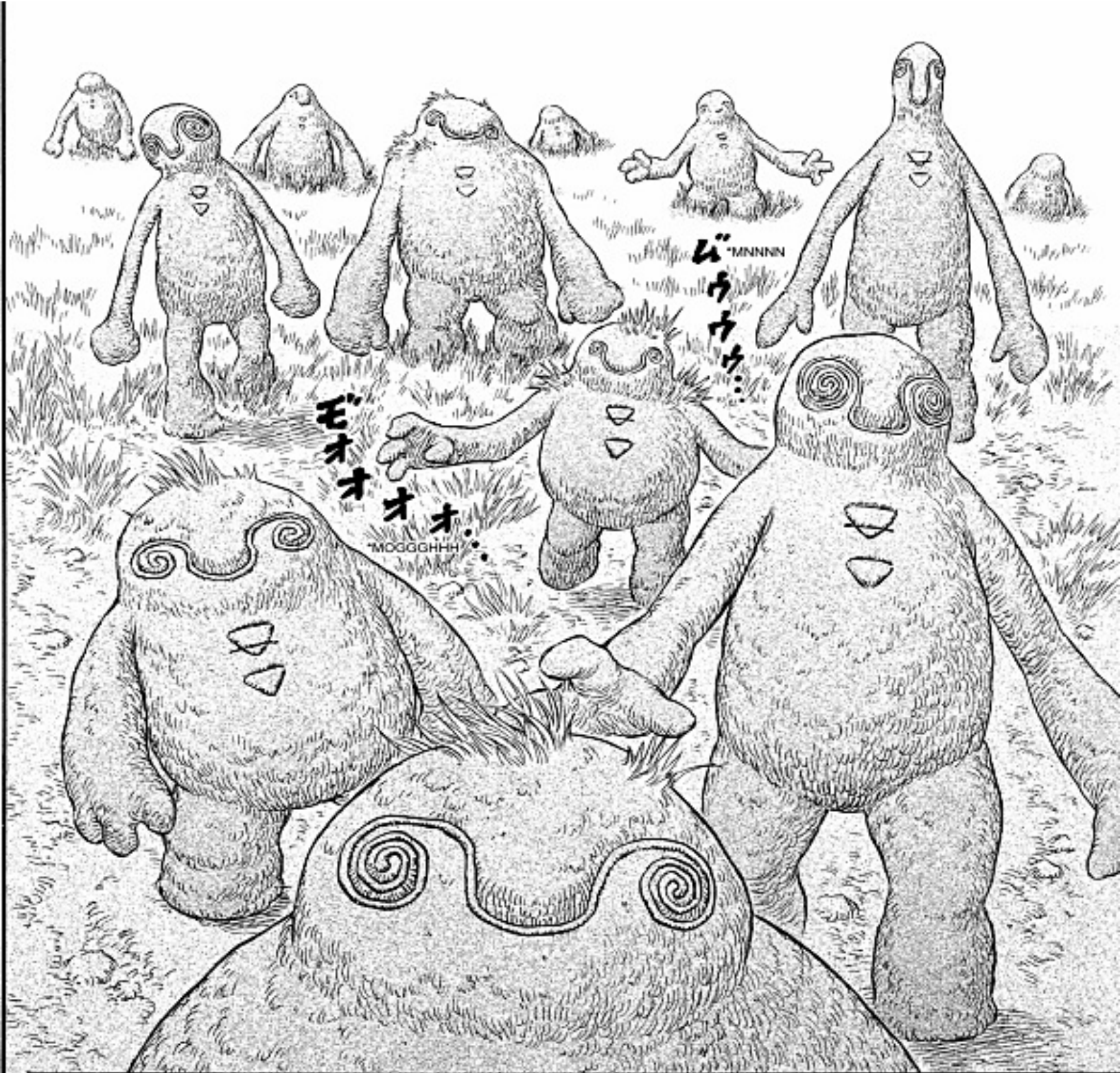
DEAD
SPIRITS
...?
APOSTLE
MINIONS
?!



GEH!
THEY GREW
BACK!





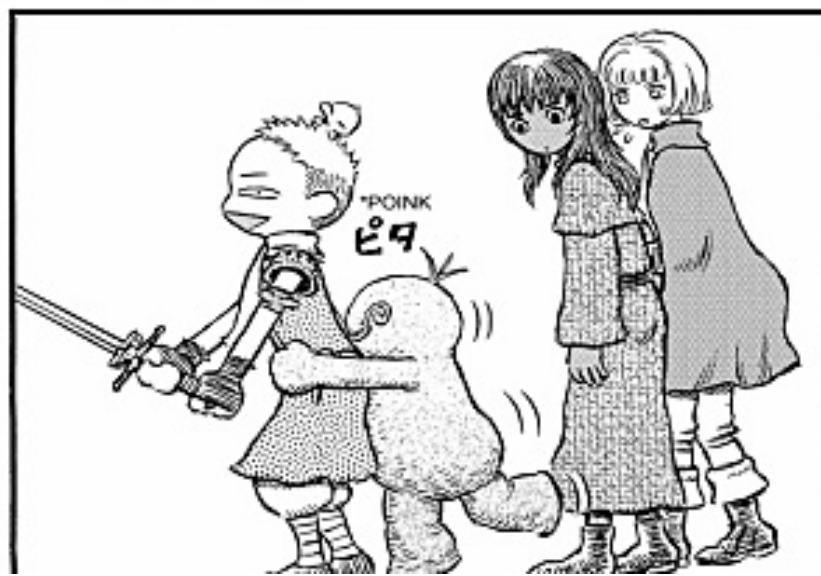


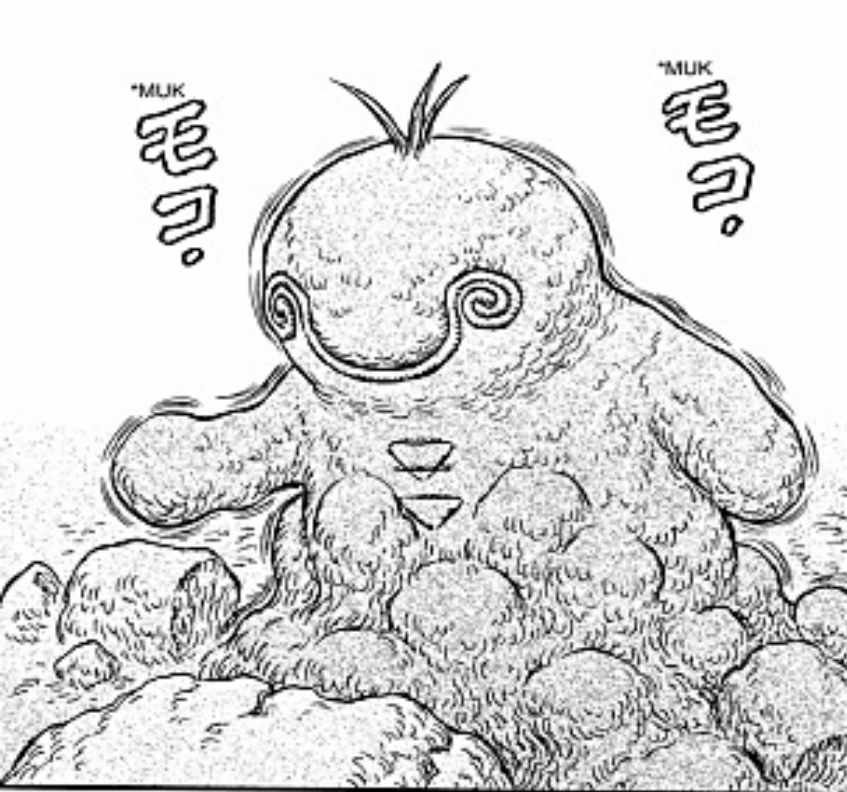


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霊樹の館②









SURE
ENOUGH,
IT'S THEM
AGAIN.



*FX: WHOM



EVENTUALLY
THEY'LL
EITHER RUN
IN FEAR OR
COLLAPSE IN
EXHAUSTION.

OH, H,
LOOK AT
'EM TRYIN'
HARD.

IT'S
USELESS.
THE
GOLEMS WILL
CONTINUE TO
REGENERATE
EACH TIME
THEY'RE
BROKEN.



IS THERE
SOME
SECRET
ABOUT
THOSE TWO
AFTER ALL
?!



NORMAL
HUMANS
SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE
TO ENTER
HERE.

BUT HOW
DID THEY
PASS
THROUGH
THE
BARRIER
?



OR IS
THIS TOO
AN EFFECT
OF THE
APPEARANCE
OF THE
HAWK...?



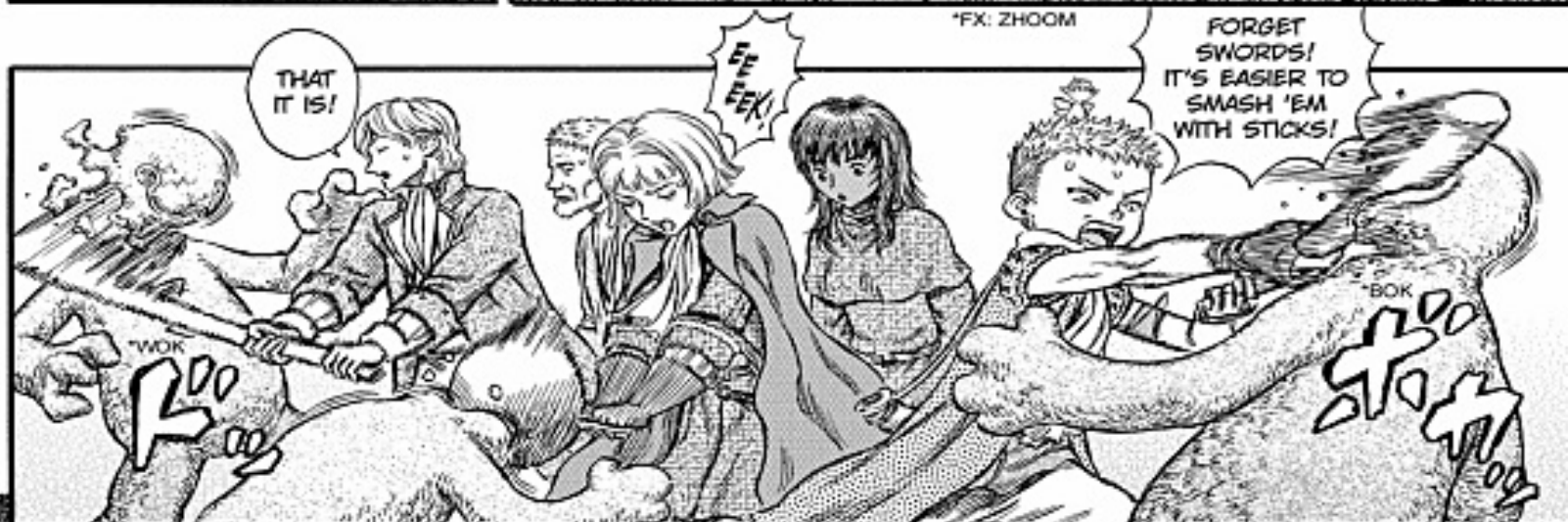
HUUUUUU

HEY, HEY!
THAT GUY'S
SWORD IS
AMAZIN'!

.....



*FX: ZHOOM



THAT
IT IS!

EE
EEK!

FORGET
SWORDS!
IT'S EASIER TO
SMASH 'EM
WITH STICKS!

*BOK

ボク
ボク
ボク



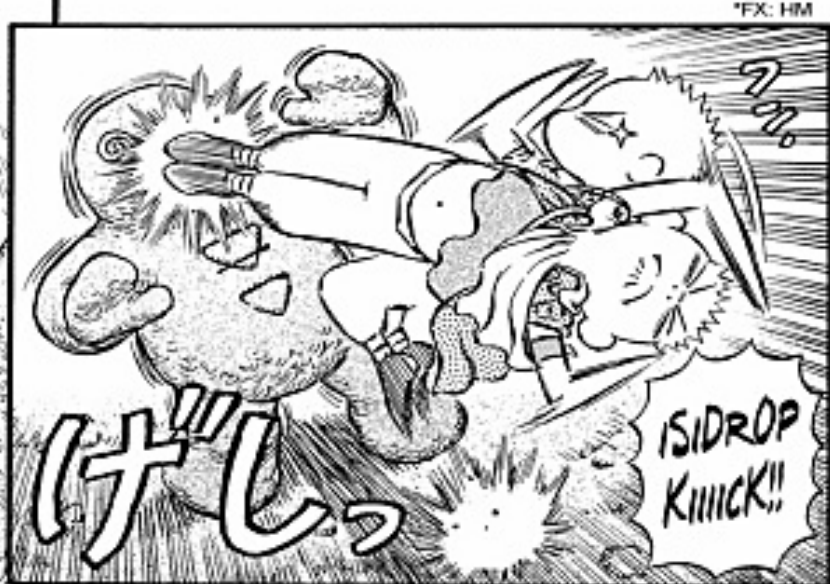
BUT
STILL...



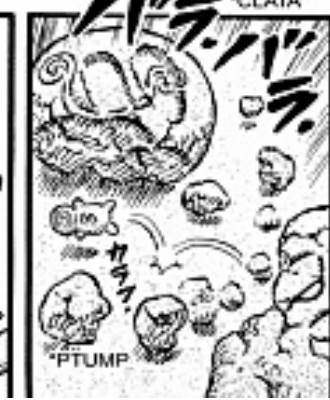




*FX: GASH



*FX: WHOP





GO,
SCHIERKE!
GET 'EM!

IN THAT
CASE...

...



WHAT NOW,
SCHIERKE?!
THEY'LL
ALL GET
BUSTED!

DOSH

HN
HN??

BISH
BISH

BISH
BISH



THAT IS
QUITE
ENOUGH.



I
UNDER-
STAND.

...YES,
MIS-
TRESS.

IT WAS
JUST
GETTING
WARM.



...



BUT...

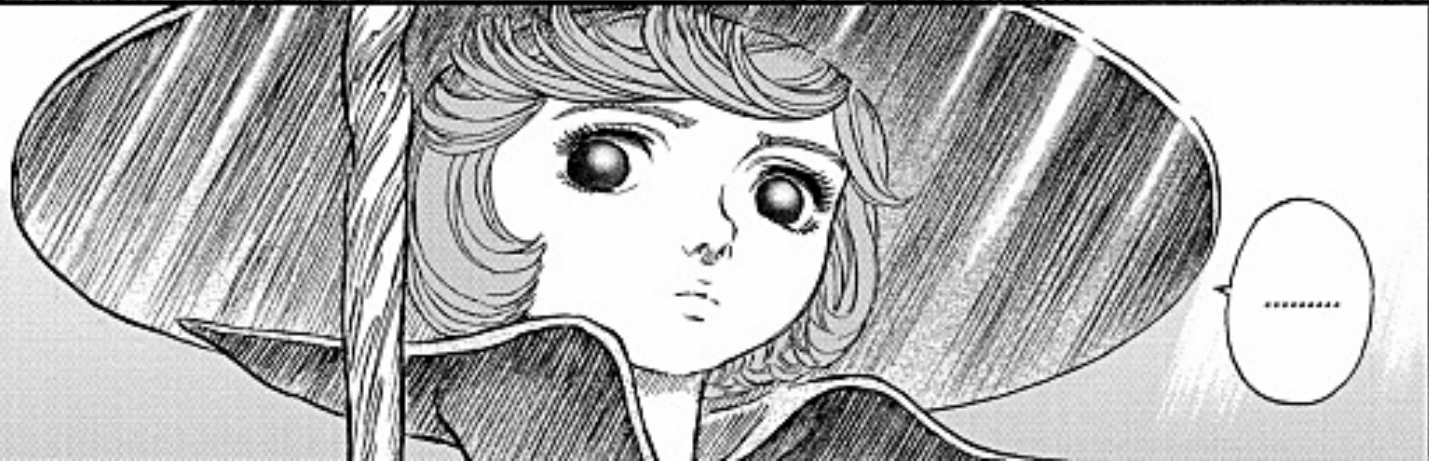
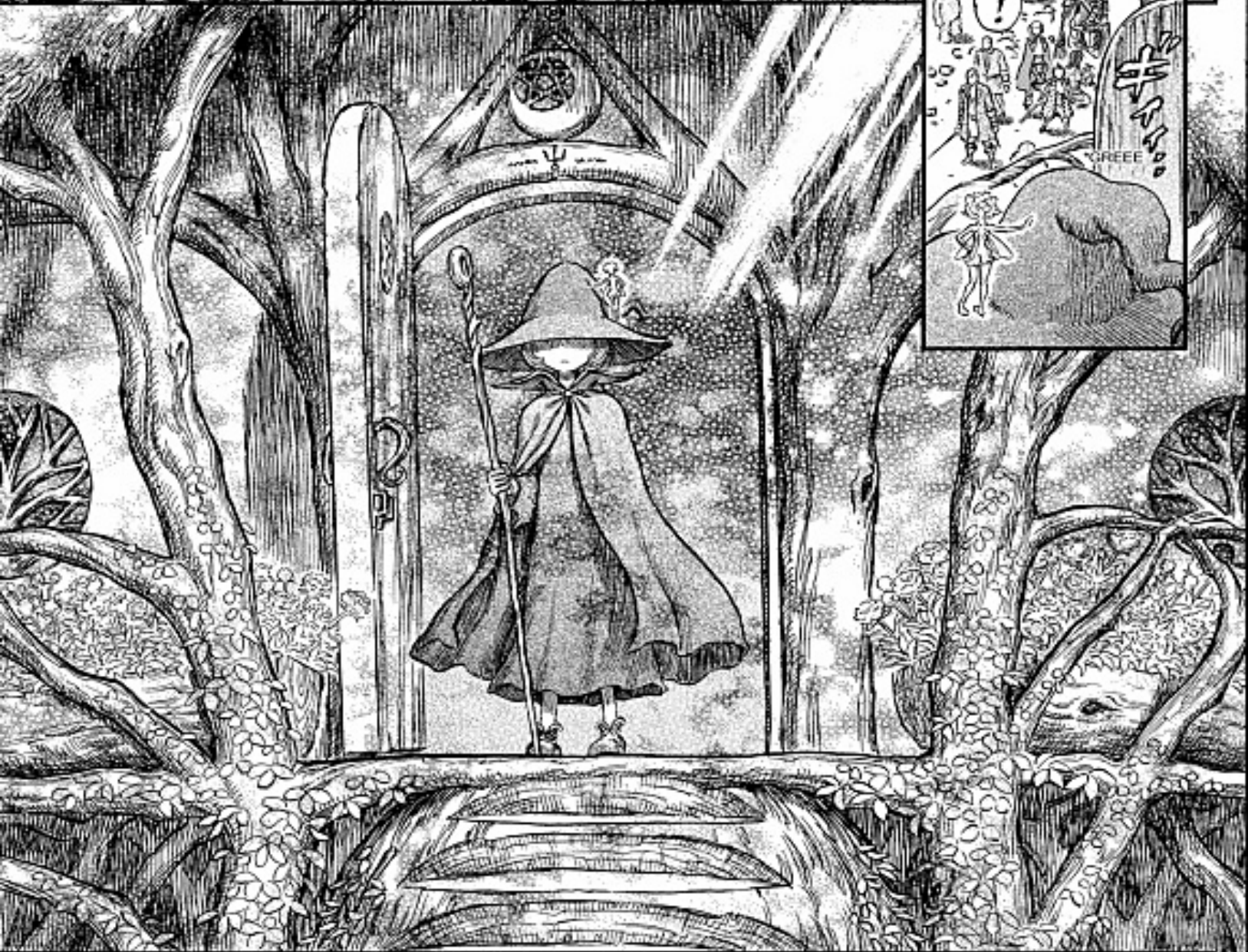
MIS-
TRESS.



ビバリ。

HN?

*FX: HALT





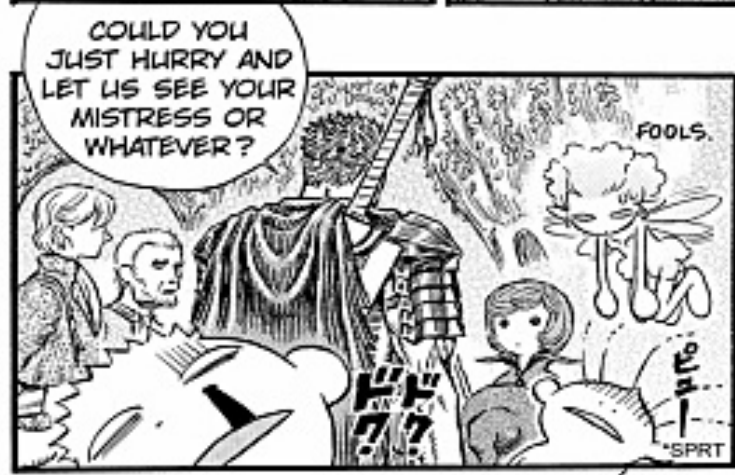




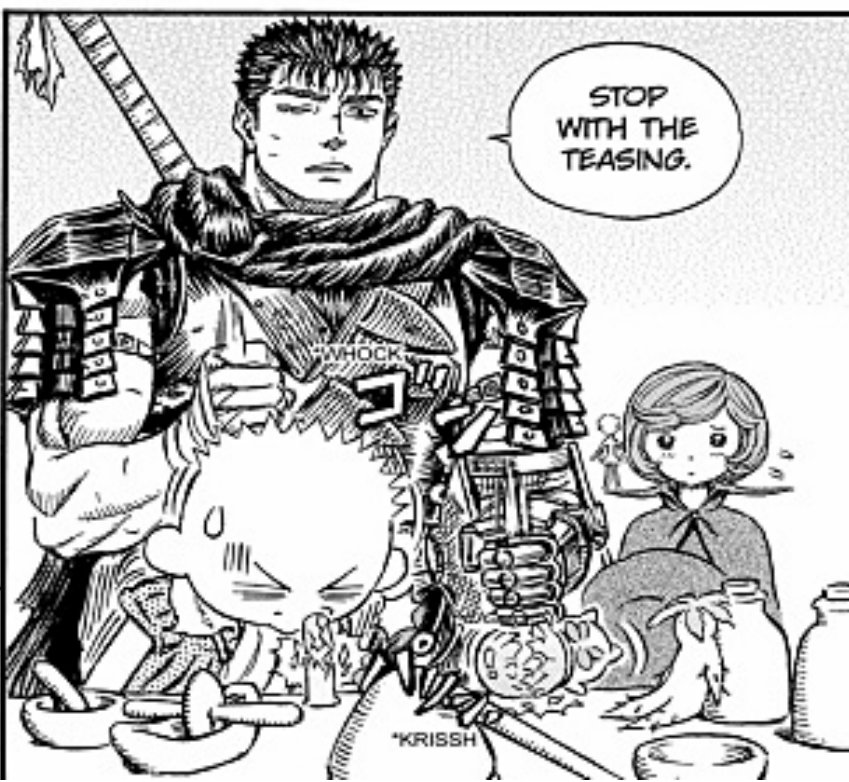
HUH. NOT EVEN A REAL WITCH YET.

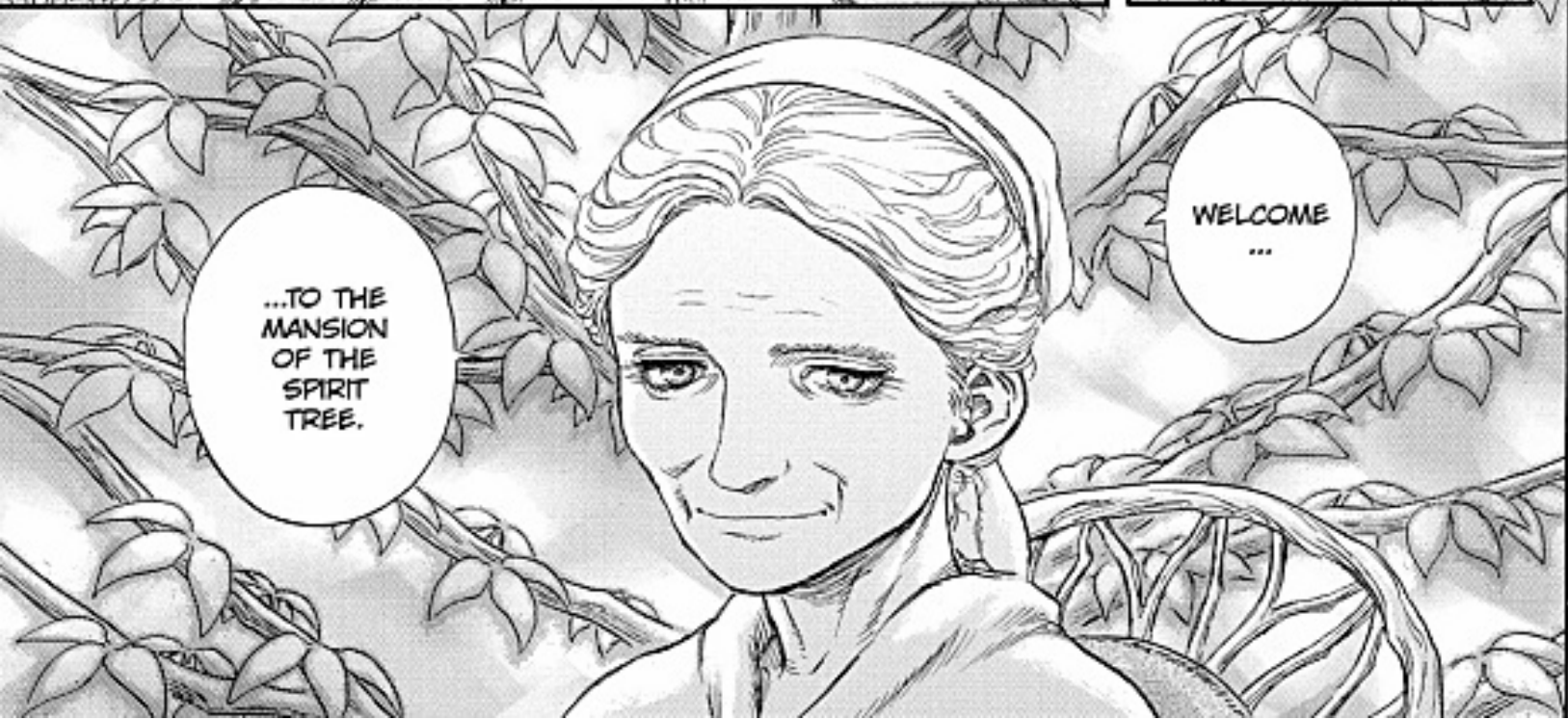
I LOOK AFTER HER. I'M *NALERA*. HER.

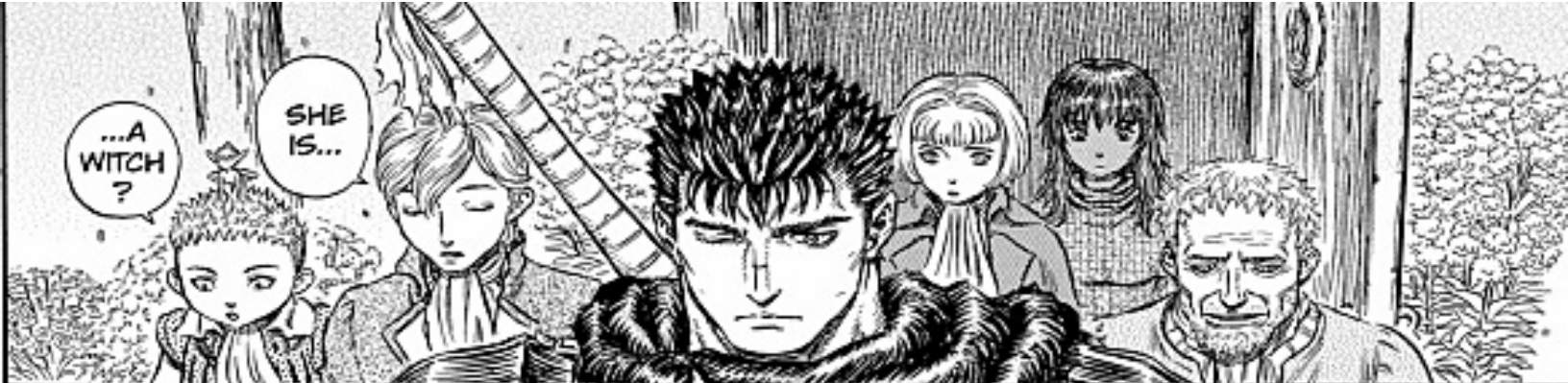
I AM *SCHIERKE*, AND I AM STILL IN TRAINING.



*FX: BLEED







...A
WITCH?

SHE
IS...

I AM
FLORA,
THE
MISTRESS
OF THIS
MANSION.

PLEASE
FORGIVE MY
APPRENTICE
FOR BEING
IMPOLITE.
SHE IS
MERELY
CONCERNED
FOR MY
SAFETY...



...SURELY
THE ONE
FROM...

OH...
YOU
ARE...



MY MOTHER WAS SAVED
FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH
BY THE MEDICINE I RECEIVED
FROM YOU THAT DAY FIFTY
YEARS AGO! IT'S UNBELIEV-
ABLE. YOU'RE JUST AS
YOU WERE THEN!

I
REMEM-
BER!

IN A
WAY SHE
IS A
MONSTER

YOU BE
SILENT,
MONKEY!



HOHO...
THANK YOU.
I'LL TAKE
THAT AS A
COMPLI-
MENT.

SHE'S A WITCH?
I THOUGHT FOR
SURE WITCHES HAD
POINTED NOSES
AND LOOKED LIKE
SOME WRINKLED
MONSTER!

I-INSO-
LENCE!



LADY
FARNESE
?



...YOU
NEEDN'T
BE SO
FRIGHT-
ENED.

YOUNG
LADY...



YOU
WERE
THAT
BOY.

HOW
NOSTAL-
GIC.

I TOO
REMEM-
BER.

HOW'D
SHE...?!

MY FOLK
WERE NOT
AMONG THOSE
WHOSE LIVES
YOU TOOK.

EVEN IF
THEY WERE,
THE FAULT WOULD
COLLECTIVELY
LIE UPON THE
SERVANTS OF
YOUR DEITY.

I DO NOT SEEK
RETRIBUTION
FROM YOU AS
AN INDIVIDUAL.

THE
BRANDED
PAIR.

AND
YOU...

HOW DID
YOU...?



IT PLEASES
ME TO
MAKE YOUR
ACQUAIN-
TANCE.



I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR YOU.



...YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
US?

THEN...

YOU'VE
BEEN
WAITING
?

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幽 界



I HAVE
AWAITED
YOU.


THEY OF
THE BRAND,
GUIDED
BY TINY
WINGS.

YES.



COULD
SHE BE AN
APOSTLE?!

SHE KNOWS
ABOUT THE
BRAND...?!




...THIS
FEELING...

NO...
BUT...



THEY
OF THE
BRAND
...?



IT ACHES
FAINTLY...



...BUT...
SOMETHING'S
DIFFERENT...



WHO THE HELL...?

OLD WOMAN.



...IS OF TROLLS.

YOUR STORY...

Y-YES...



ONE MOMENT.

HIS STORY IS OF THE HIGHER PRIORITY.



...MUCH LESS ATTACK THEIR HOMES...

RARELY SHOULD THEY EVEN BE SEEN BY HUMANS...

TROLLS ORIGINATE FROM THE ASTRAL WORLD.

I AM ANXIOUS ABOUT THEM, TOO.



...I CANNOT ASSIST YOU.

UNFORTUNATELY...



IN THAT CASE...

WELL ...



H-HOW COME?

...NEITHER
THE
STRENGTH
...

...NOR THE
TIME LEFT
TO LEAVE
THIS
PLACE.

THIS
OLD BODY
HAS...

WH-
WHAT
?
IF LOOKS
COULD
KILL...

YOU'RE
A BIT
INSEN-
SITIVE!

*FX: GLARE

THE WAY
YOU TALK,
IT SOUNDS
LIKE YOU'RE
GONNA DIE.

NOW I
SIMPLY WAIT
QUIETLY
FOR IT...

...MY TIME
OF DEATH
DRAWS
NEAR.

AS
THE BOY
SAYS...

!



THEN
HOW IN
THE
WORLD
WILL
WE...

AHH
...

I CANNOT
GO MYSELF,
BUT I
CAN HAVE
ONE GO
IN MY
STEAD.

NO
NEED TO
WORRY.



"HMM...
???"



HEY
NOW,
YOU
CHICK-
EN?

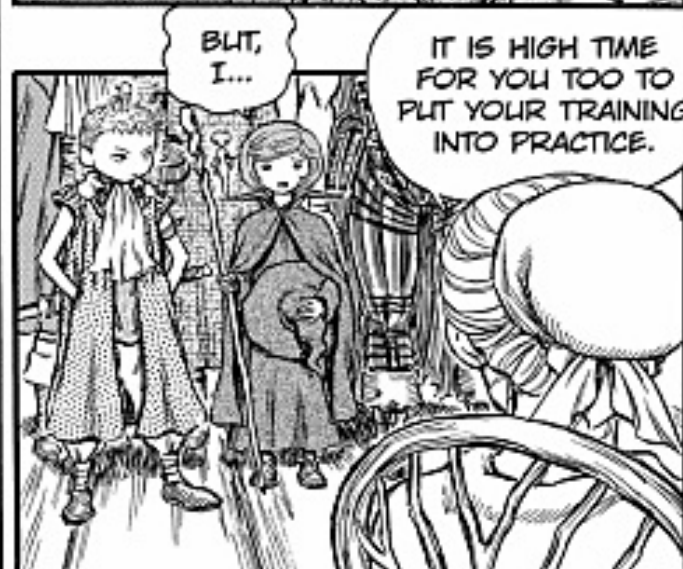
TWERP!

I AM
NOT!
HOW
VULGAR!




MISTRESS,
NO... I...

WHOA,
BIG
JOB!



BUT,
I...

IT IS HIGH TIME
FOR YOU TOO TO
PUT YOUR TRAINING
INTO PRACTICE.




COULD I ASK
ALL OF YOU,
PLEASE, TO ASSIST
MY DISCIPLE?

!



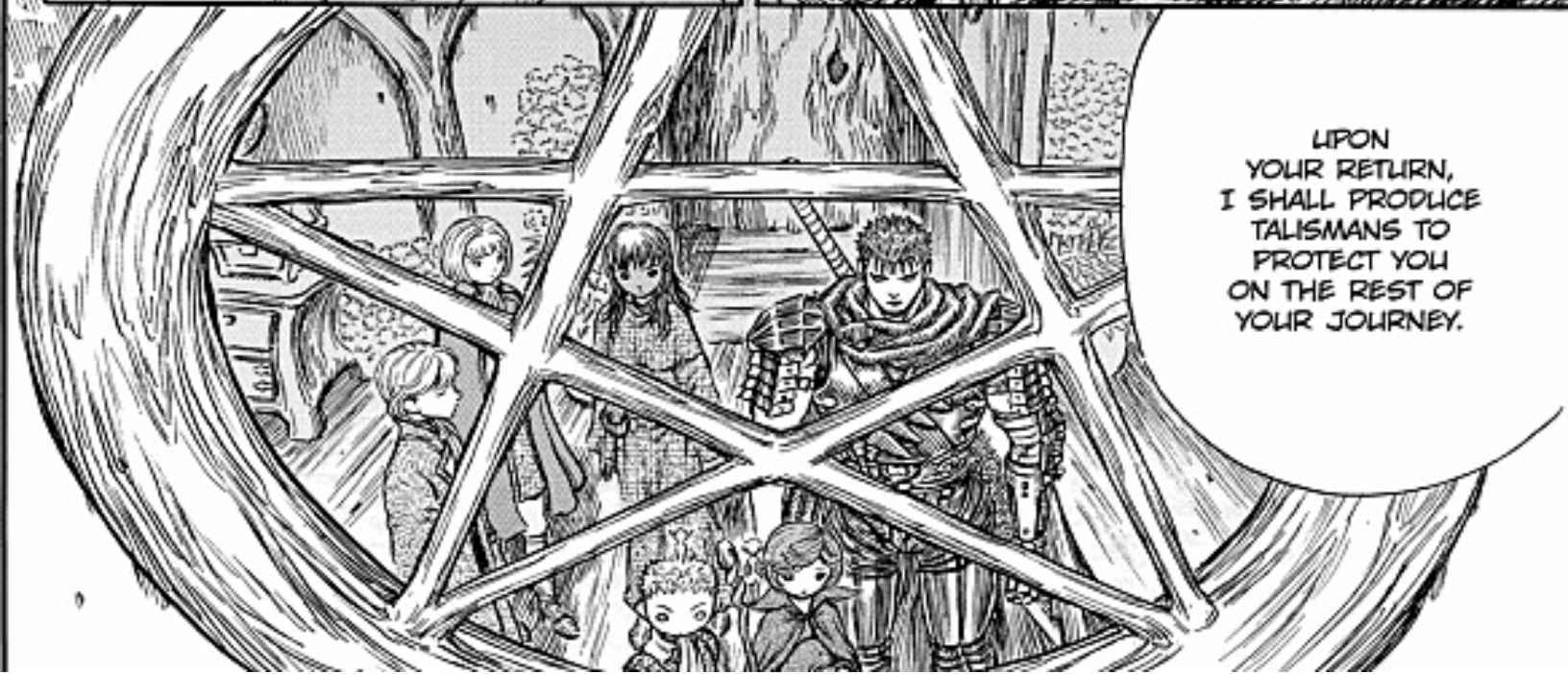
I THINK
I MIGHT BE
OF SOME
USE TO
YOU AS
WELL.

NATURALLY,
I DO NOT
ASK YOUR
HELP FOR
FREE.



I
UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT YOUR
FAVORITE
STUDENT,
BUT WE'VE
GOT NO
OBLIGATION
TO GO THAT
FAR. SORRY,
BUT WE'VE
GOTTA STICK
TO OUR
JOURNEY.

WHOA,
WHOA.



UPON
YOUR RETURN,
I SHALL PRODUCE
TALISMANS TO
PROTECT YOU
ON THE REST OF
YOUR JOURNEY.

EVEN
AMONG THEM,
MY MISTRESS'
ARE SPECIAL!

TALISMANS MADE
BY THE MAGI ARE
NOT THE SAME AS
SUPERSTITIONS!

IT IS A
CHARM.

WHAT'S
A TALIS-
MAN?

IGNORA-
MUSES
JUST DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

IGNORE-
GRATEFULLY.

LAY OFF
ALREADY.

AIN'T
THAT ALL
IN YOUR
HEAD?

CHARMS
?

HOW
RUDE!

...SHOULD
REDUCE THE
EVIL SPIRITS
IT CAN DRAW...
OR AT LEAST
PROTECT
AGAINST YOU
YOURSELVES
BECOMING
POSSESSED.

THE CURSED
POWER OF THAT
BRAND DEFIES
IMAGINATION.
ERASING IT
IS BEYOND
MY POWER.

HOWEVER,
WEAKENING
THE INTENSITY
OF ITS
POWER...

EVEN SO,
IT SHOULD
HOLD FOR
THE DURATION
OF YOUR
JOURNEY.

HOWEVER, DUE
TO THE IMMENSE
POWER OF THE
CURSE, THERE IS A
TIME LIMIT TO THE
POTENCY OF THE
TALISMAN.

...DO
THAT
?!

Y-YOU
CAN...



...
AGAINST
THAT.

IT'LL
PROTECT
...



I
KNOW
WHY.

OR
THAT'S
WHY...

YEAH.

IS THAT
FOOLISH
OR
DARING
...?

HAVE
YOU BEEN
ON THIS
JOURNEY
WITH THEM
NOT EVEN
KNOWING
THAT?

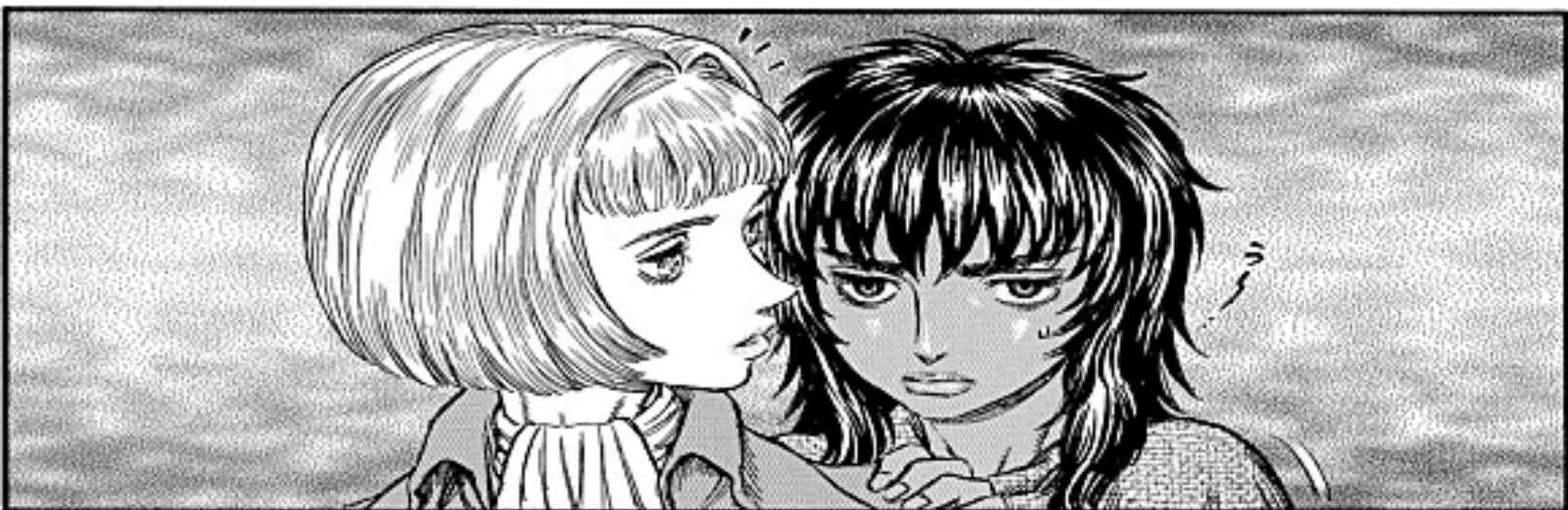
SO THAT'S
WHAT THAT
BRAND
DOES.

OH,
OKAY.

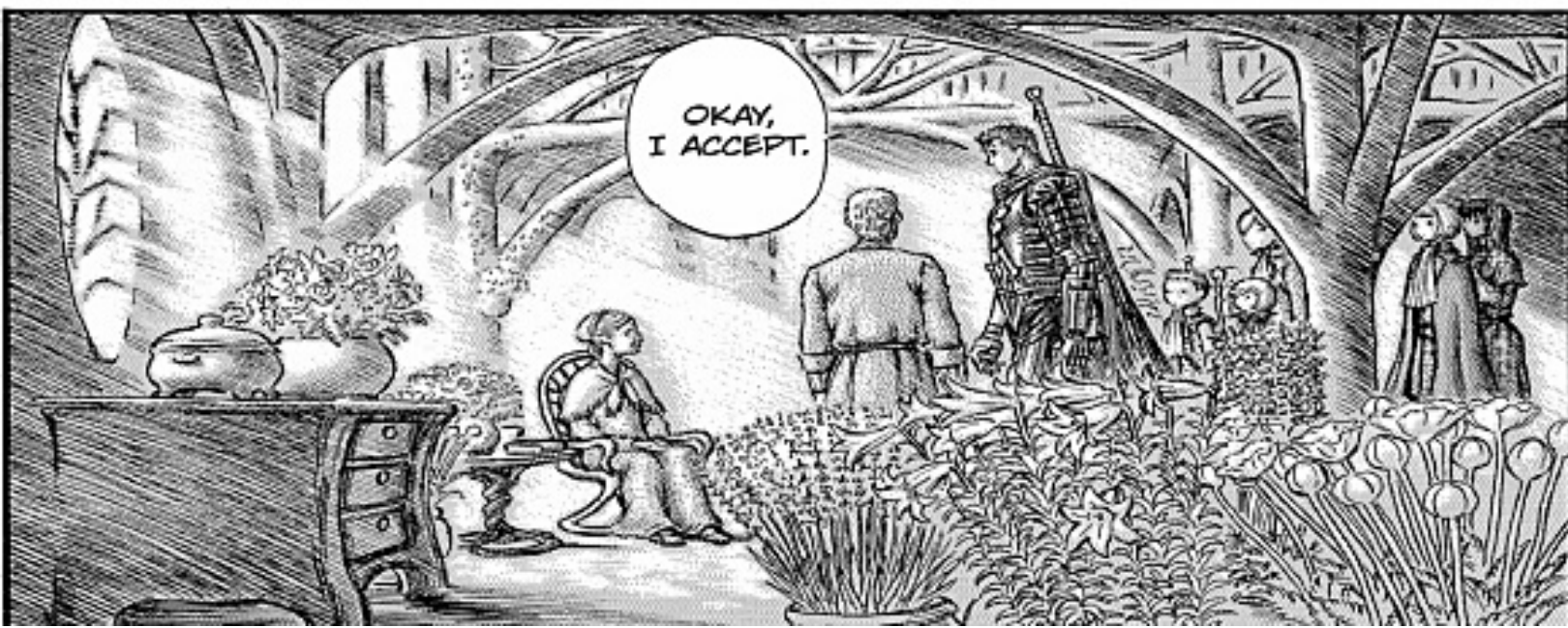
NO
WONDER
THAT
SWARM
EVERY
NIGHT...



*FX: FLINCH



*FX: 0000





NEGOTIATION
COMPLETE.



M-
MISTRESS

EXTEND
GREETINGS TO
EVERYONE,
SCHIERKE.



BRUTE
SLAY-
ING,
EH?

THIS IS
GETTIN'
INTERESTIN'.

OH,
BOTHER.

H-HEY...

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH...!



*FX: WHAP WHAP



THERE'S
SOME-
THIN'
I OWE
THOSE
THINGS!
I'M
TALKIN'
REVENGE!

YEAHHH,
LEAVE IT
TO US!



THAT'S
BATTIN'.

WELL,
TRY NOT TO GET
IN THE WAY,
LITTLE WITCH
APPRENTICE.

SOMEONE
HOLDS A
GRUDGE.

*HEH

*HMPH



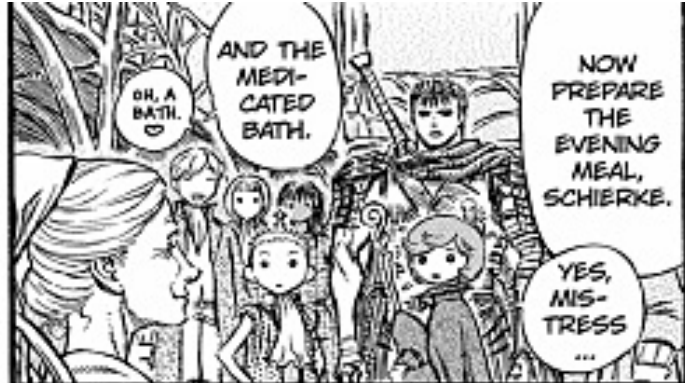
IT...

IT IS
NICE TO
MEET
ALL OF
YOU...



NO
NEED TO
WORRY.

WAIT A MINUTE.
IF YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE BRAND,
YOU SHOULD ALSO
KNOW THAT WE...



OH, A
BATH.

AND THE
MEDI-
CATED
BATH.

NOW
PREPARE
THE
EVENING
MEAL,
SCHIERKE.

YES,
MIS-
TRESS



SCHIERKE
TOO HAS
VARIOUS
PREPARA-
TIONS TO
MAKE.

YOU
MUST ALL BE
TIRED FROM
YOUR LONG
JOURNEY.
PLEASE REST
EASY FOR
THE NIGHT,
THEN DEPART
TOMORROW.

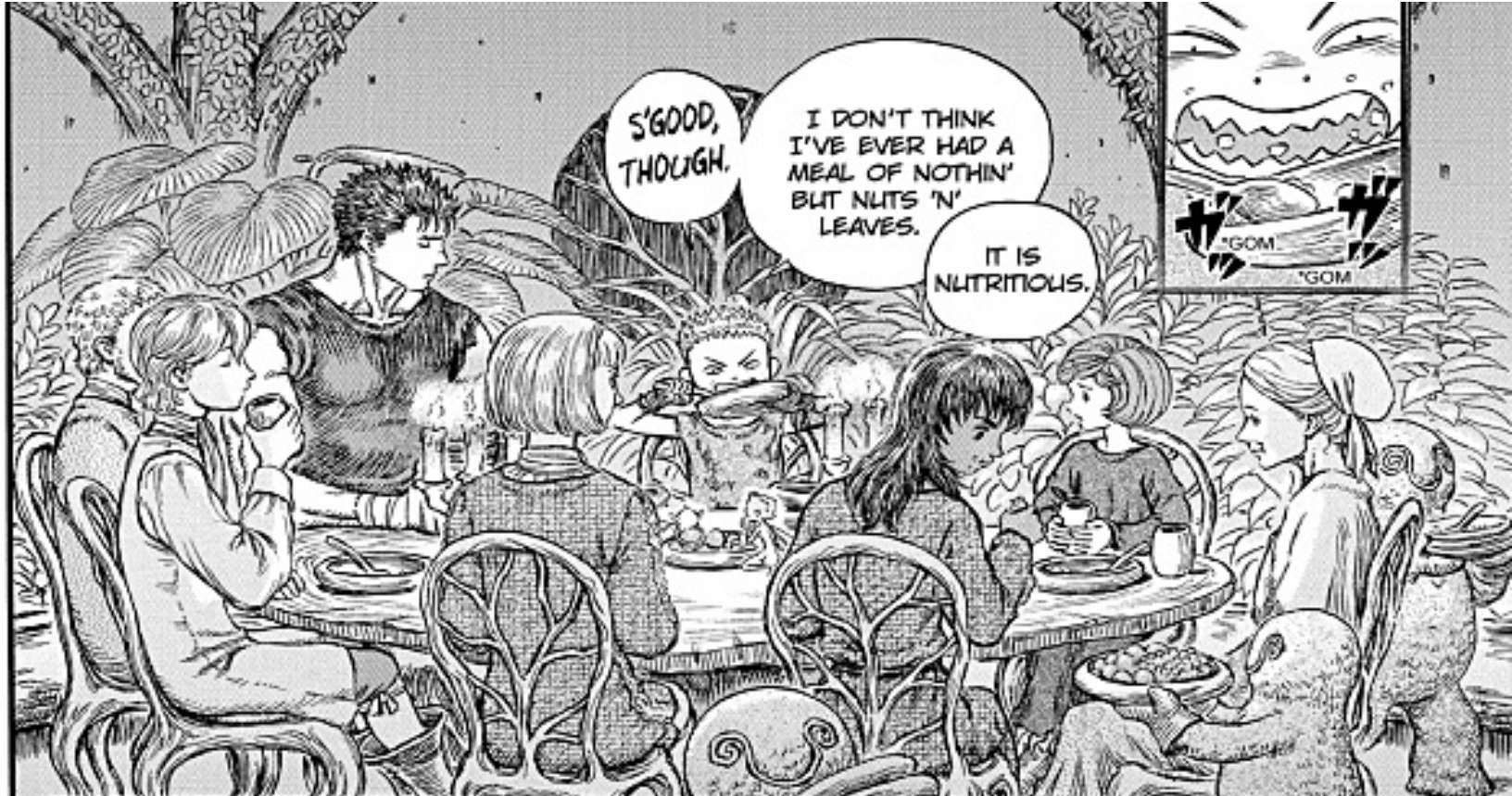


I
GUARANTEE
SAFETY
FOR THE
NIGHT.

THIS
MANSION IS
PROTECTED
BY TALISMANS
AS WELL.



YOU
MAY REST
EASY.



S'GOOD,
THOUGH.

I DON'T THINK
I'VE EVER HAD A
MEAL OF NOTHIN'
BUT NUTS 'N'
LEAVES.

IT IS
NUTRITIOUS.



HOW DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE
BRAND?



YOU SAID YOU
WERE WAITIN' FOR
US. WHAT'S THAT
SUPPOSED TO
MEAN?

OLD LADY,
BACK TO
WHAT WE
WERE TALKIN'
ABOUT...



"I WANT
YOU TO
LEND THEM
A HAND."

"THEY OF
THE BRAND
WILL VISIT
THIS FOREST,
GUIDED BY
TINY WINGS..."

THERE
WAS AN
ORACLE...
...FROM
A FRIEND
IN THE
ASTRAL
WORLD.



WHO
THE HELL
SAID--?

"LEND A
HAND"...



...SO
IT'S RE-
VERSED.

THOUGH
I'M
THE ONE
BEING
HELPED
NOW...

ORACLE
...?

...TO KEENLY SENSE
ETHEREAL BODIES
UNSEEN BY THE
NAKED EYE.

DUE TO THE
CURSED POWER
OF THE BRAND,
YOU ALL HAVE
BEEN RENDERED
ABLE...

TO PUT
IT SIMPLY,
THE
AFTER-
LIFE.

HEY!
WHAT'S
THAT
ASTRAL
WORLD
THING?

...IN WHICH
OUR WORLD IS
OVERLAPPED
BY THE
EXISTENCE OF
TWO OTHER
WORLDS.

THERE
IS A
TRINITY
...

ARE
ETHEREAL
BODIES
GHOSTS?

THE OTHER IS
THE SOUL OF
THE ORIGIN OF
ALL EXISTENCE,
THE WORLD OF
THE IDEA.

ONE IS KNOWN
COMMONLY
AS THE WORLD
OF SPIRITS,
THE ASTRAL
WORLD.

AMATEURS
CANNOT TELL
ONE FROM
THE OTHER!

...AND
TOUCH IT
AS IF IT
WERE A
REAL
THING.

IF AN
ETHEREAL BODY
IS SENSED
STRONGLY
ENOUGH,
YOUR PHYSICAL
BODY WILL
SEE IT...

THAT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED,
BUT IT COMES DOWN TO
GHOSTS, RIGHT? AIN'T THEY
A LITTLE TOO LIVELY? THEY'RE
ALL STICKY LIKE SNOT.
MAKES ME SICK.

THOSE ARE
THE ETHEREAL
BODIES THAT
YOUR ETHEREAL
BODY'S
PERCEIVING.

HOW
VULGAR!

MANY PEOPLE
OVER THE AGES
HAVE RECOGNIZED
THIS FACT AS REALITY,
AND BECAUSE THEIR
WORLD VIEW CONTINUES
TO BE PASSED DOWN,
WE ARE ABLE TO
PERCEIVE, SEE,
AND TOUCH THESE
LITTLE ONES.

ELVES AND
TROLLS ARE
INHABITANTS
OF THAT
SAME ASTRAL
WORLD.



...
AHA! SO THAT'S WHY FARNY COULDN'T SEE ME AT FIRST. BUT NOW THAT SHE'S SEEN ENOUGH SCARY STUFF...



*FX: TWITCH

SAVOR THE TASTE.

PUM PUM PUM.

*FX: RUB RUB RUB

PLEASE DO NOT TEASE HER.



...SO MANY OF THE ELVES WHO CAN NO LONGER INTERACT WITH HUMANS HAVE FADED AWAY TO SOME PLACE IN THE ASTRAL WORLD.

LONG AGO IT WAS QUITE NATURAL TO BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF ELVES. BUT WITH THE SPREAD OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SEE, OF ONE UNIVERSAL WORLD VIEW, THOSE WHO CAN SEE THEM HAVE DWINDLED...

*FX: YOINK CHOMP



WHAT ARE YOU, DUMB ?!

FIXIES ARE BORN EXAGGERATORS. I'M A DIFFERENT STORY THOUGH!

I THINK!

NO PROB. NO PROB.

PLENTY A' PEOPLE'VE LIVED THERE.

YOU'RE SURE WE'LL BE OKAY IN YOUR HOMELAND...?
DON'T TELL ME IT'S THE AFTERLIFE...



THERE IS A THING CALLED THE SUBCONSCIOUS THAT HUMANS CANNOT THEMSELVES CONTROL ...

FINE, NEVER MIND.

THINGS ARE NOT THAT SIMPLE.

*banner: COGITO, ERGO SUM.




THEN EVEN THE TROLLS'LL BE GONE, JUST LIKE THAT...

THEN, HEY! ALL EVERYONE HAS TO DO IS STOP BELIEVIN' IN WEIRD STUFF!

ALL RIGHT !

*threadband WEIRD

DON'T SAY SUCH MEAN THINGS !!!




AN OUT-OF-BODY
EXPERIENCE.
VERY NICE.

...FROM THE CONFINES
OF OUR PHYSICAL
WORLD TO DELVE INTO
THE ASTRAL WORLD.

SINCE LONG
AGO, WE MAGI
HAVE LEARNED
AND INHERITED
THE PRACTICE
OF RELEASING
OUR ETHEREAL
BODIES...

YOU CAN
DO THAT
KINDA
THING?




...THE
SCENERY
COMES
TO LOOK
UNIMAGINABLY
DIFFERENT
FROM THAT
OF THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD.

THEN,
IN THE
DEEP LAYER
OF THE
ASTRAL WORLD...

THERE
EXIST ASTRAL
ENTITIES WITH
WHOM THE
ETHEREAL
BODIES...

...OF MERE
HUMANS
CANNOT EVEN
COMPARE.


ANGELS,
DEMONS,
GODS OF
POLYTHEISM...



THUS,
THE DEAD
WHO DID
NOT REALIZE
THEY DIED OR
WHO LEFT THE
PHYSICAL WORLD
REGRETFULLY...

...OFTEN
WANDER
THERE.


EVENTUALLY,
NEARLY ALL BECOME
AWARE OF THEIR OWN
DEATH OR BECOME
UNABLE TO MAINTAIN
THE FORM OF THEIR
ETHEREAL BODIES
AND PASS AWAY
FROM THIS LAYER.



...VARIOUS
ETHEREAL
BEINGS EXIST
AS LIVING
LEGENDS.

IN THE
RELATIVELY
SHALLOW
LAYER OF THE
ASTRAL WORLD
KNOWN AS THE
INTERSTICE
...

EVEN THE
SCENERY IS
MOSTLY DERIVED
FROM THE
ETHEREAL FORMS
OF OUR WORLD,
SO THERE IS
LITTLE DISPARITY
BETWEEN IT AND
OUR PHYSICAL
REALITY.



THOUGH IF YOU
DIVE TOO DEEP,
YOU BECOME
UNABLE TO RETURN,
SO NO ONE HAS
EVER GONE
THAT FAR
WHILE ALIVE...

FURTHER
STILL...

...IN THE
ABYSS...

...
PERHAPS
...



DEEPER
STILL...

...REALMS
PEOPLE REACH
ACCORDING
TO THEIR
OWN KARMA.

MAYBE THOSE
PLACES CALLED
HEAVEN AND
HELL EXIST.



...AND
EXPLORE
THE ENTIRE
UNIVERSE
FROM WITHIN
YOUR
WORLD.


THAT
IS THE
WAY OF
MAGIC.



ACCEPT
THE GREAT
MYSTERIES...

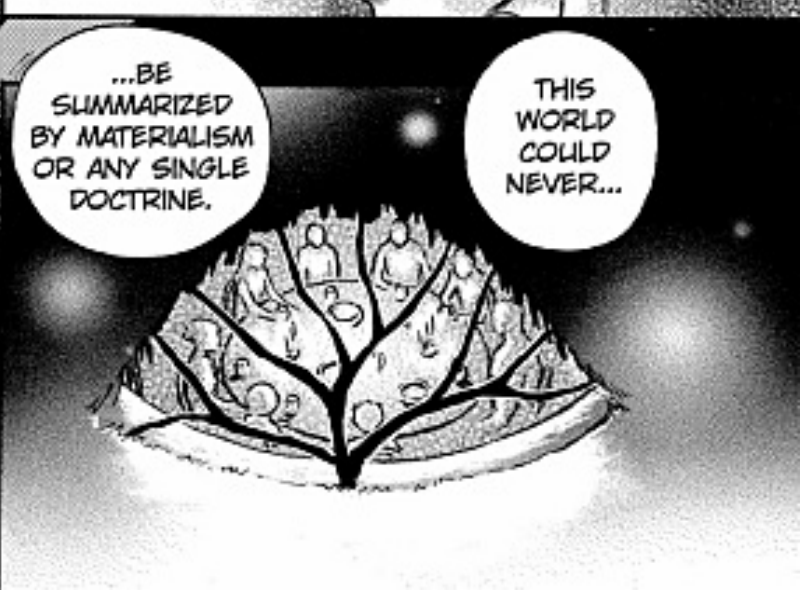


.....



THERE EXIST
PROFOUND
DEPTHS
WITHIN ITSELF.

THE WORLD
DOESN'T
EXTEND IN
MERELY TWO
DIMENSIONS.



...BE
SUMMARIZED
BY MATERIALISM
OR ANY SINGLE
DOCTRINE.

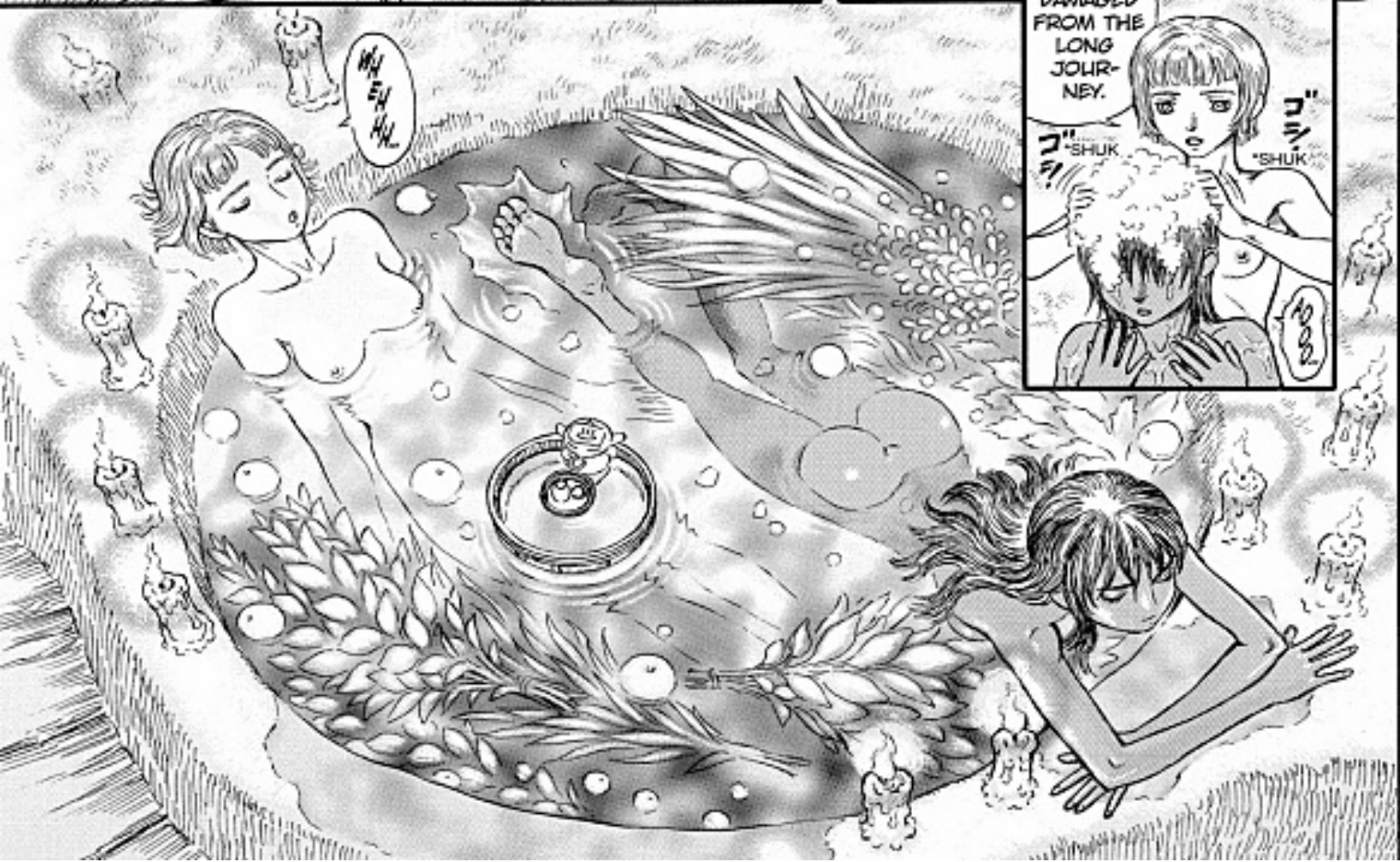
THIS
WORLD
COULD
NEVER...

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MAGIC STONE

魔石

BERSERK



...DURING
OUR
TRAVELS.

I NEVER EVEN
DREAMED I
WOULD FIND
COMFORT
LIKE THIS...

"SIP"
S S S

...IN A
WITCH'S
MANSION.

WHAT'S
MORE...

*FX: OMMMM

*FX: SHFF SHFF

NOW
THEN
...

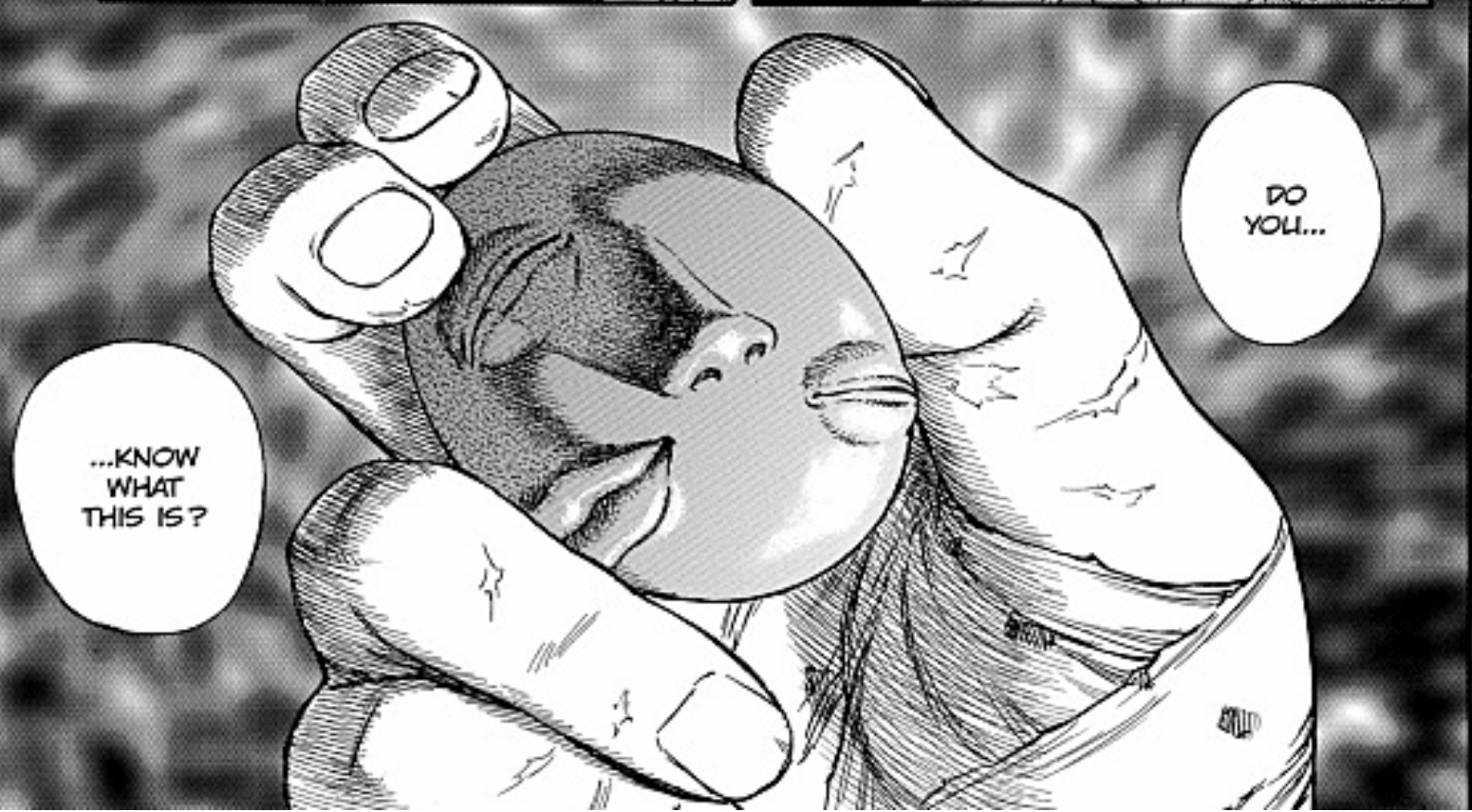
*GRAB!

*FX: GRRR

A CHILD'S
PRIVILEGE
!!

"SCRUB"
h h
"SCRUB"
h h

GHO
BW
AH...





THAT'S...



WHAT'S
WRONG
?

IS
THAT
...?!



!



ALL WHO
ASPIRE
TOWARD
MASTERING
THE WAY
OF MAGIC
DO.

YES...

I
KNOW
IT.



I GOT IT
FROM A
CERTAIN
MAN.

WHERE
THE
BLAZES
DID YOU--

DOES
THIS
BELONG
TO YOU
?



.....
I
SEE.



A KEY
THAT LINKS
A DEEP
LAYER OF
THE ASTRAL
WORLD
TO THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD.

A
BEHEIT.





...AND
SUMMON
THEM.

...THE
WAY TO
USE
THIS...



.....



.....



THEY
CARVED
THAT INTO
YOU.

THE
BRAND
...



REVENGE,
THEN...



THAT ISN'T
LADYLIKE
BEHAVIOR
...!

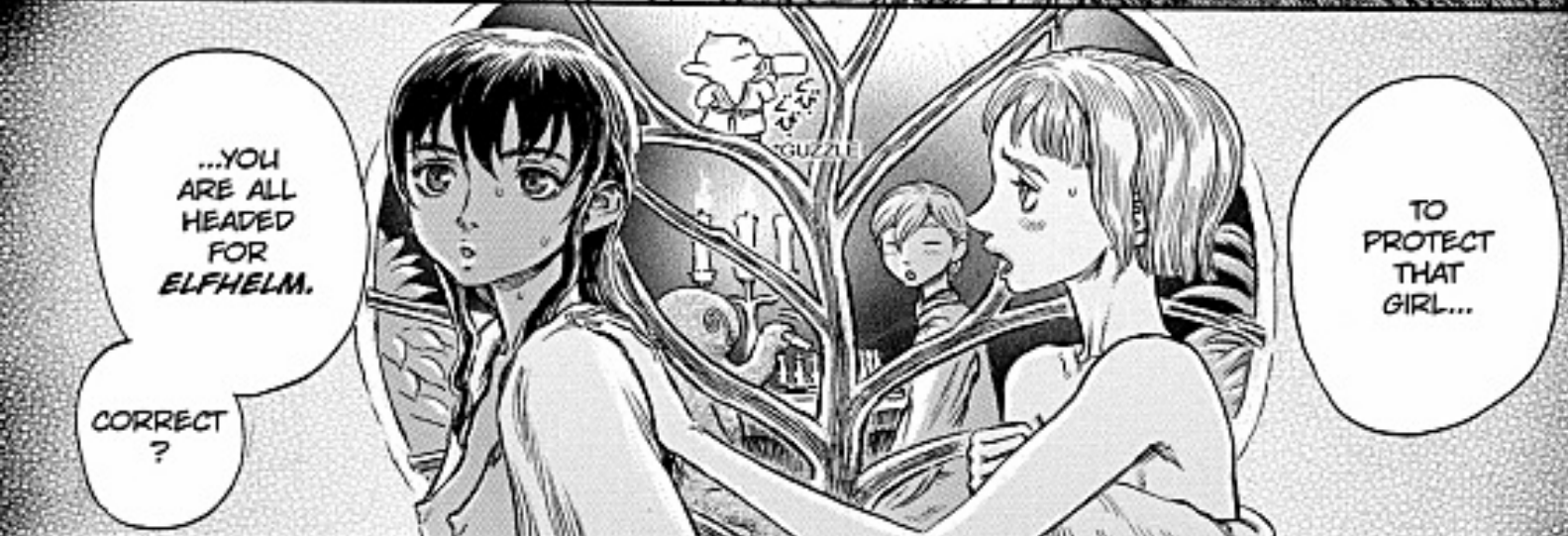


COME
BACK
HERE
!

HEY...



E...
EXCUSE
US!



...YOU
ARE ALL
HEADED
FOR
ELFHelm.

CORRECT
?

TO
PROTECT
THAT
GIRL...



HOW
IRONIC
...



YOU
DON'T
MISS A
THING.



ELF-
HELM
...?



...THAT HAS
KEPT YOU
ON YOUR
FEET UNTIL
THIS DAY.

IT MUST
BE THAT
MALICE...

AND SO
IT BECOMES
SHACKLES...

...IS STRIVING
TO INCINERATE
EVEN THOSE
YOU CONSIDER
IRREPLACEABLE.

YOUR LIFE
CANNOT
BE WITHOUT
HATRED...

...BUT THAT
HELLFIRE...

...WHICH
MAKE YOUR
SWORD
HEAVY AND
BLUNT.



...AND
DANGEROUS
EXPEDITION.

JUST LIKE
TREADING
ACROSS
THIN ICE...

...IT IS A
DIFFICULT...



...I CAN'T
MEET YOUR
EXPECTA-
TIONS.

UNFORTU-
NATELY...



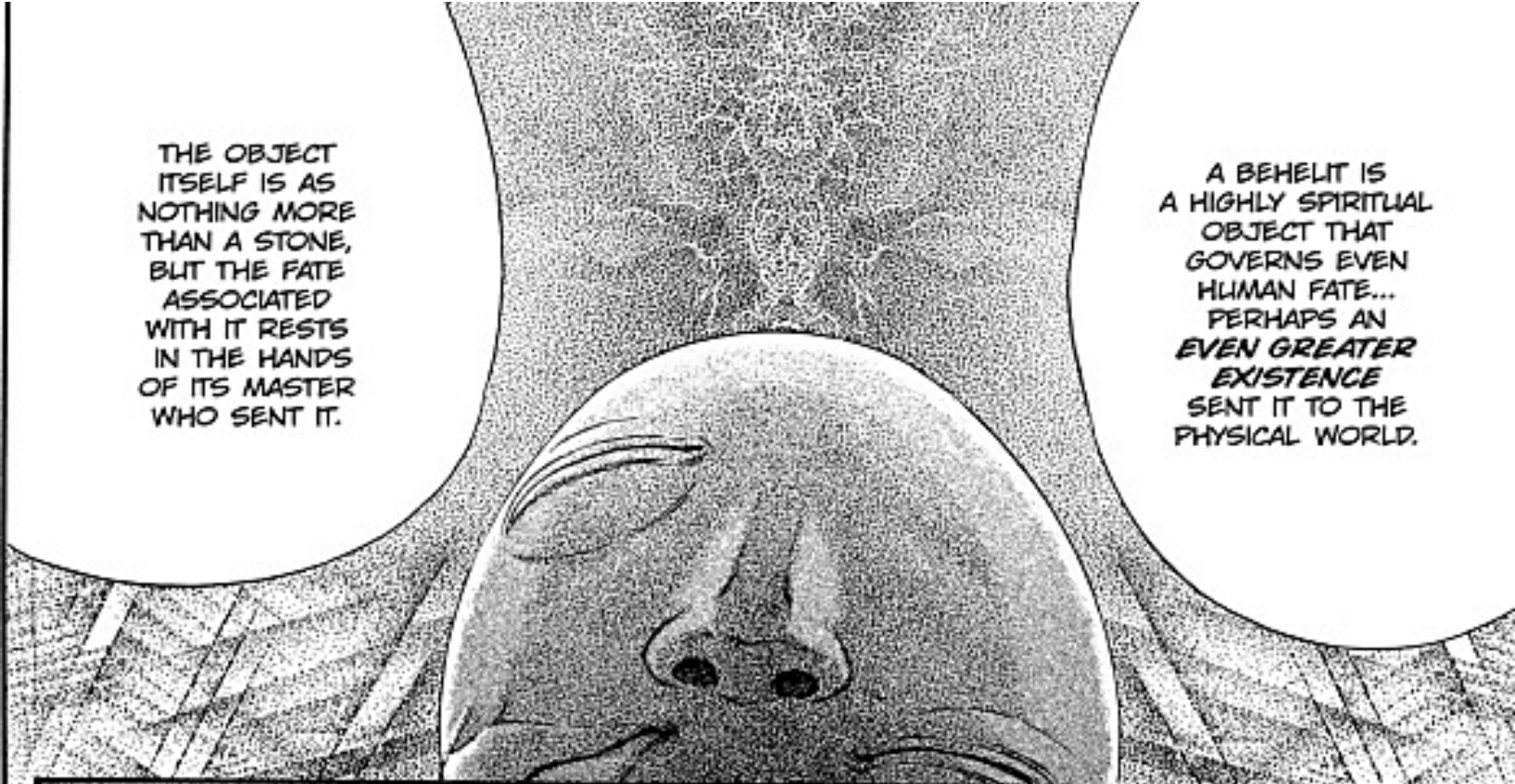
...THAT
CAN BE
USED
IF ONLY
YOU FIND
THE
MEANS,
BUT IT
IS NOT.

YOU
THINK
THIS IS
SOME-
THING
...




NOT
THAT.

YOU
MEAN YOU
DON'T
FEEL LIKE
TELLIN'
ME?



THE OBJECT
ITSELF IS AS
NOTHING MORE
THAN A STONE,
BUT THE FATE
ASSOCIATED
WITH IT RESTS
IN THE HANDS
OF ITS MASTER
WHO SENT IT.

A BEHELIT IS
A HIGHLY SPIRITUAL
OBJECT THAT
GOVERNS EVEN
HUMAN FATE...
PERHAPS AN
**EVEN GREATER
EXISTENCE**
SENT IT TO THE
PHYSICAL WORLD.



THAT'S
THE WAY
IT IS.


WHEN THE
TIME IS RIGHT,
IT WILL BE IN
THE HANDS OF
THE PERSON
TO WHOM IT
BELONGS.



...THAT THE
OWNER
CRAVES
THEIR
POWER.

AND IT IS
CERTAIN...

...TO BE
AT THE
VERY
MOMENT
...



IF IT IS NOT
YOURS THEN,
IN SPITE OF
YOUR WILL,
IT SHALL AT
SOME POINT
LEAVE YOUR
HAND.

IF THIS
BEHELIT INDEED
**BELONGS TO
YOU**, EVEN IF
YOU WERE TO
DISCARD IT,
WHEN THE
TIME COMES,
IT SHALL
FIND YOU.

I CAN'T
STAND
THAT.

GOD
ONLY
KNOWS,
HUH?

IN
ANY CASE,
IT IS
BEYOND
HUMAN
WILL.

...WISH
THAT IT
LEAVE
YOUR
HAND.

EVEN IF,
TO YOU,
THIS IS A
BEACON
FOR
REVENGE...

...I
FERVENTLY...

DON'T GO
CARRYIN'
MY BETCHI
AROUND
WITHOUT
ASKIN'!

"SNATCH"

...TO DO
ANYTHING
WITH IT
JUST YET.


WELL
...
...I
DON'T
PLAN
...

YOU KNEW
I'D BE
PASSING
THROUGH,
BUT
WHO--

OH,
YEAH.

STOP,
STOP!

AHH!

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...FOR ONE
TO ARRIVE
AS A PERSON,
CLAD IN THE
ETHEREAL
BODY CALLED
EGO.

PERHAPS IN
THAT DOMAIN, IT IS
UNATTAINABLE...

...AND THAT AS REINCARNATIONS...

...THEY ARE THE EXECUTORS OF THE WILL OF SOMETHING LURKING IN THE DISTANT ABYSS OF THE ASTRAL WORLD.

I MEAN, I'M THE ONE TAKIN' CARE OF HIM.

RIGHT.

IT'S YOURS ?

HM
HM
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アス

ONE MORE THING.

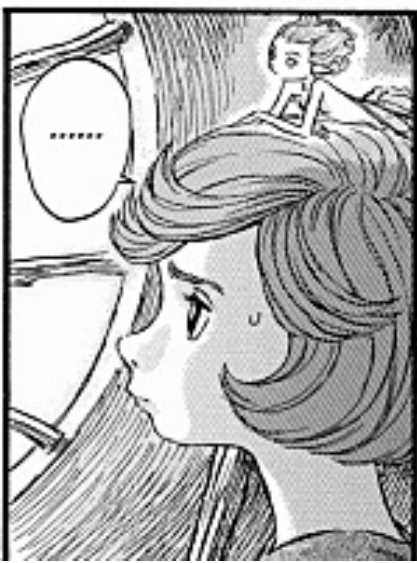
I BETENA DON'T KNOW BETENA'S FAVORITE FOOD. IT'S CHEESE.

THAT IS ONE OF THE GREAT MYSTERIES FOR THOSE OF US WHO EXPLORE THE ASTRAL WORLD.

THE GODHAND.

WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT THEY WERE ONCE HUMAN...

WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY?





ONE
DAY...

...I'LL HAVE
TO HIT 'EM
WHERE IT
HURTS.

...INTEND
TO DEFY...

DO
YOU...

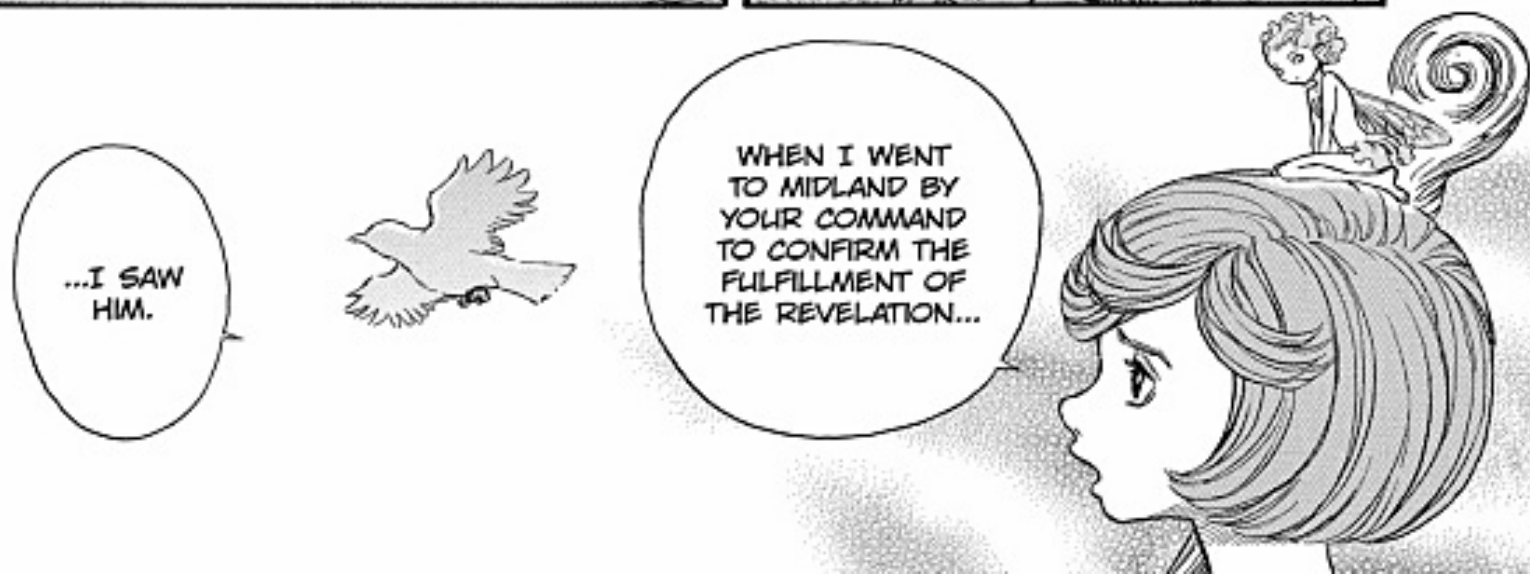
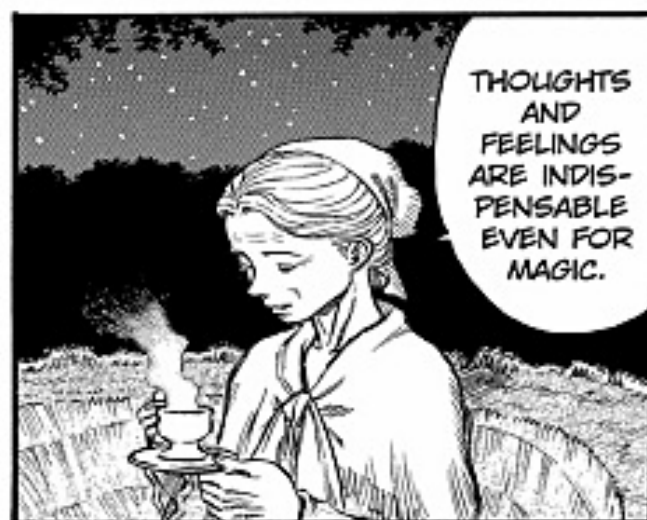
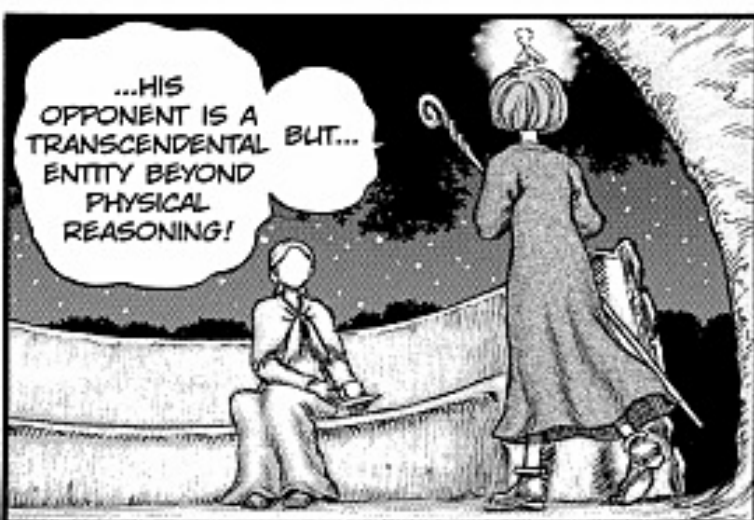
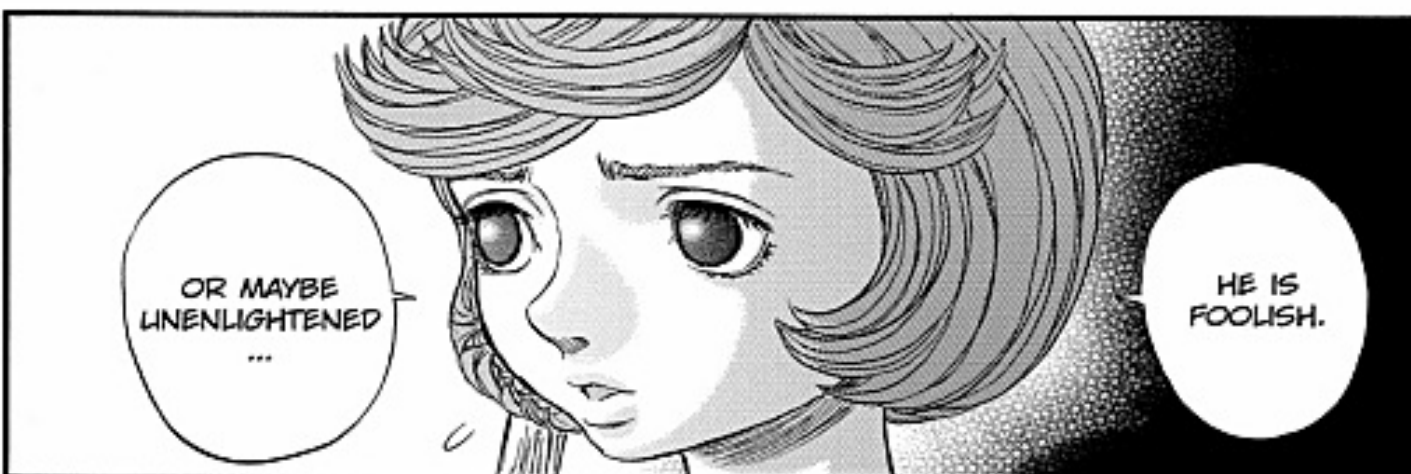


...THINGS
SUCH AS
ANGELS AND
DEMONS
THAT CAN
EVEN GOVERN
FATE?



YOU
GOT IT.





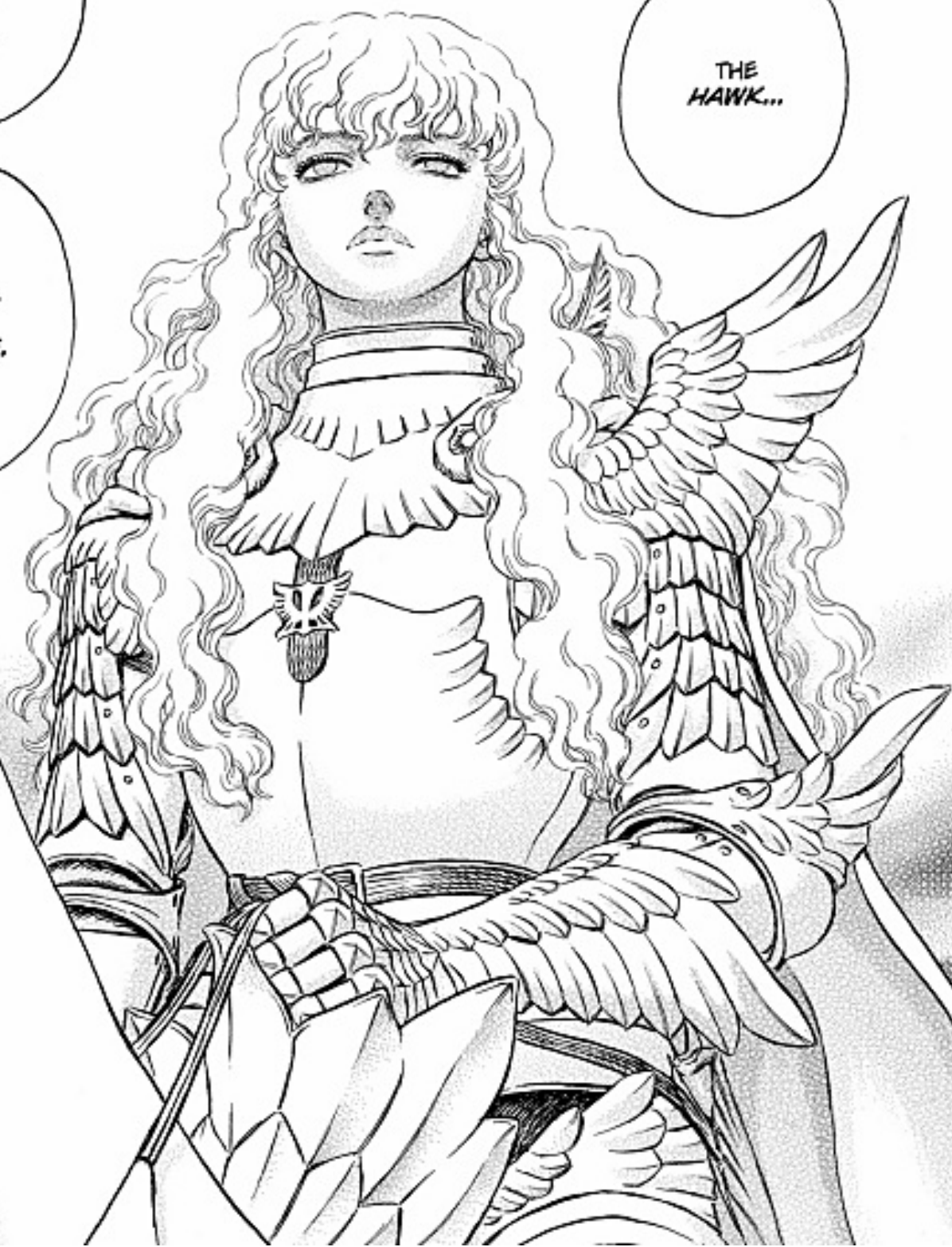
HE APPEARS
TO BE HUMAN,
BUT SPIRITUALLY
HE CANNOT
BE CALLED
THAT.

AN
EXISTENCE
THAT NO
ONE IN THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD
CAN RIVAL
ALONE.

AN ENORMOUS
FLOW OF OD THAT
ENGULFS AND
CHARMS PEOPLE.
A FORTUNE SO
STRONG THAT NO
BLADE OF THE
PHYSICAL WORLD
CAN TOUCH HIM.

THE
HAWK...

SURELY HE
IS THE
ABSOLUTE.





...IF HE IS THE
HAWK OF
DARKNESS,
THEN HE IS
DREADFUL.

IF HE IS THE
INCARNATED
FORM OF THE
FIFTH ANGEL
RECORDED
IN THE
REVELATION...



...WHO WAS
RESPONSIBLE
FOR
BRANDING
HIM.

IT WAS
THAT HAWK
HIMSELF...



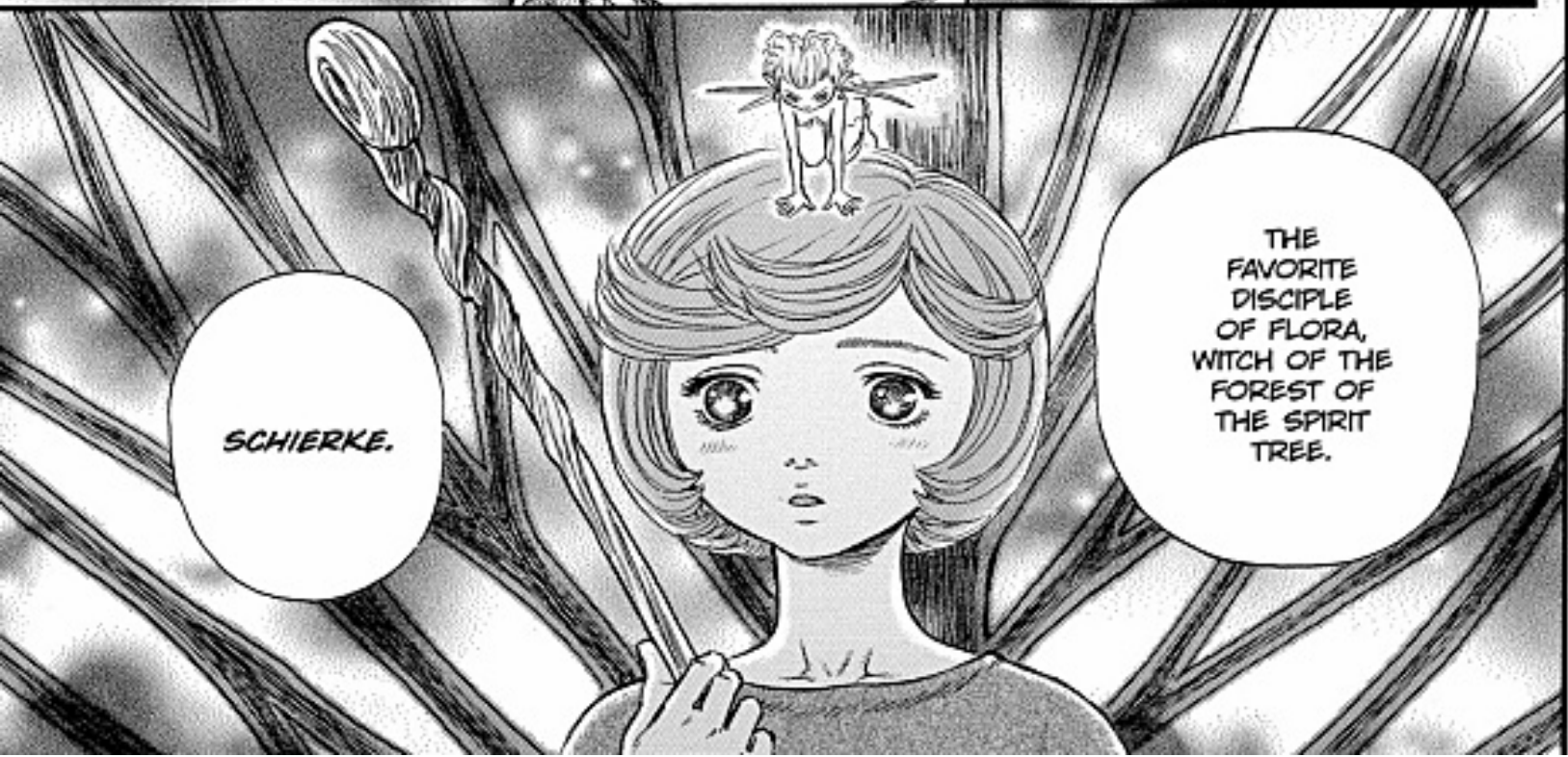
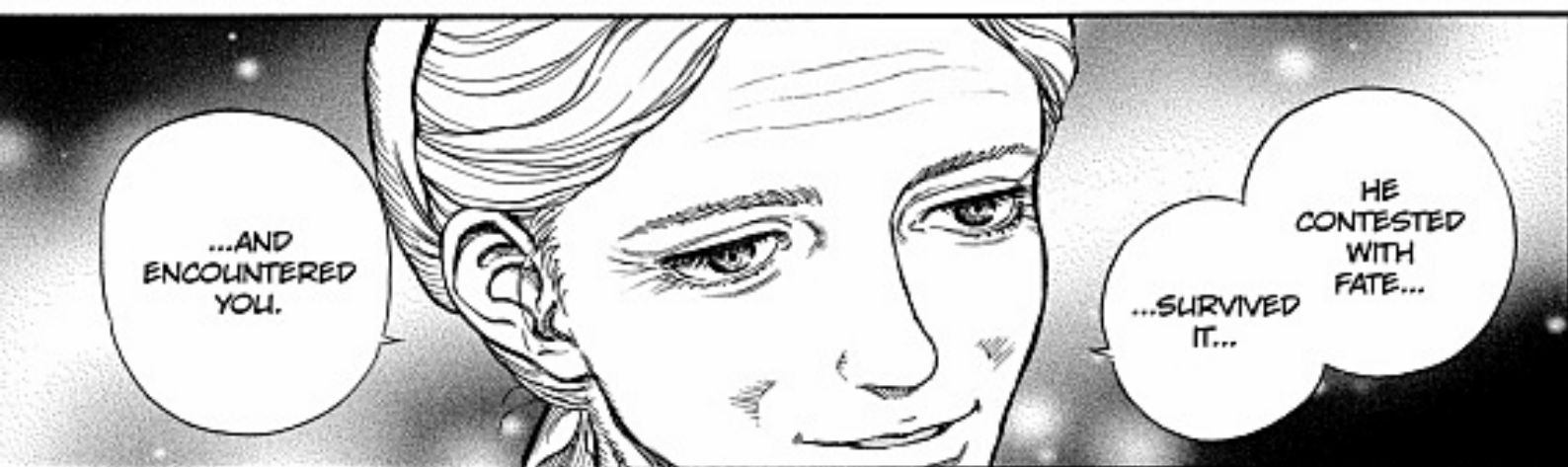
BUT DOES
NOT THAT
KNOWLEDGE
ITSELF
SOMETIMES
RENDER US
BLIND?

WE MAGI
HAPPEN TO
POSSESS,
MORE THAN
MOST PEOPLE,
KNOWLEDGE
OF THE MANY
POWERS
IMMANENT
TO THIS
WORLD.



THEN
ALL THE
MORE
REASON
...

SCHIERKE.





GOD
BESTOWS
UPON US
FATE.

BUT IT
IS THE
CHILDREN
OF MEN
WHO
CHOOSE
IT.

THIS IS MY
BELIEF.



IT
IS *YOU*
WHO WILL
DECIDE
THAT.

YOU
WISH
FOR ME
TO *AID*
HIM?!



GO AND
WITNESS
WITH YOUR
OWN
EYES...

...THE
SIGNIFICANT
NATURE THIS
ENCOUNTER
WILL BEAR
FOR YOU.

FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER

ELEMENTALS

エレメンタル
元素霊

THAT...
DOES IT.

SEALED WITH
PURIFICATION
SALT.

AGH...!
WHAT
THE-?

*FX: RUB

ARE YOU
READY
OVER
THERE?

I LOOK
FORWARD
TO THAT.

...BUT THE BRAND
SHOULD NOT ATTRACT
EVIL SPIRITS FOR
TWO OR THREE
DAYS.

IT IS
COMPLETE.
NOT ON THE SAME
LEVEL
OF MY
MISTRESS'
TALISMANS
...

WHAT
IS THIS?
OINTMENT
?

THIS
STUFF
TINGLES.

IT'S
NOT
EDIBLE!

NOW IS
A GOOD
TIME TO
EXPLAIN
THE THINGS
I WILL
GIVE TO
YOU.

BECAUSE
IT DULLS
THE FIVE
SENSES,
IT MAKES
IT EASIER
TO PERCEIVE
ETHEREAL
BODIES.

WANNA
SEE IF
POISON
WORKS
ON
ELVES
OR
NOT?
WOLFS-
BANE ...

IT IS
CALLED FEMME
FATALE OINTMENT.
A KIND OF
NARCOTIC MIXED
FROM ALMOND
OIL, CELERY,
BELLADONNA,
WOLFSBANE,
AND THE LIKE.

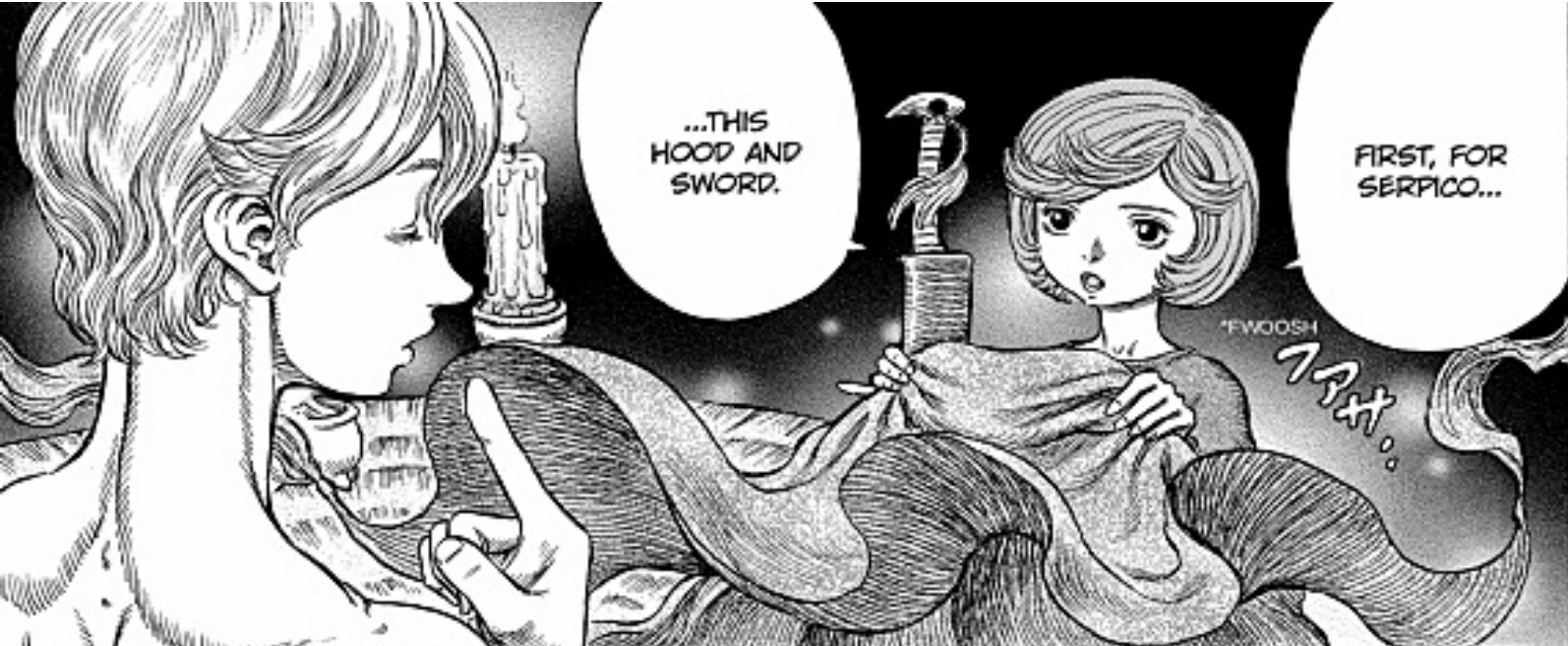
THESE
ARE...?

THEY ARE
MAGIC ARMS
GRANTED THE
PROTECTION OF
THE SPIRITS.

MAGIC
FETISHES.

WITH THESE,
EVERYONE
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO CONFRONT
THE TROLLS,
EVEN WITHOUT
SPELLCASTING.

I BORROWED
THEM FROM MY
MISTRESS.



...THIS
HOOD AND
SWORD.

FIRST, FOR
SERPICO...

"FWOOSH"

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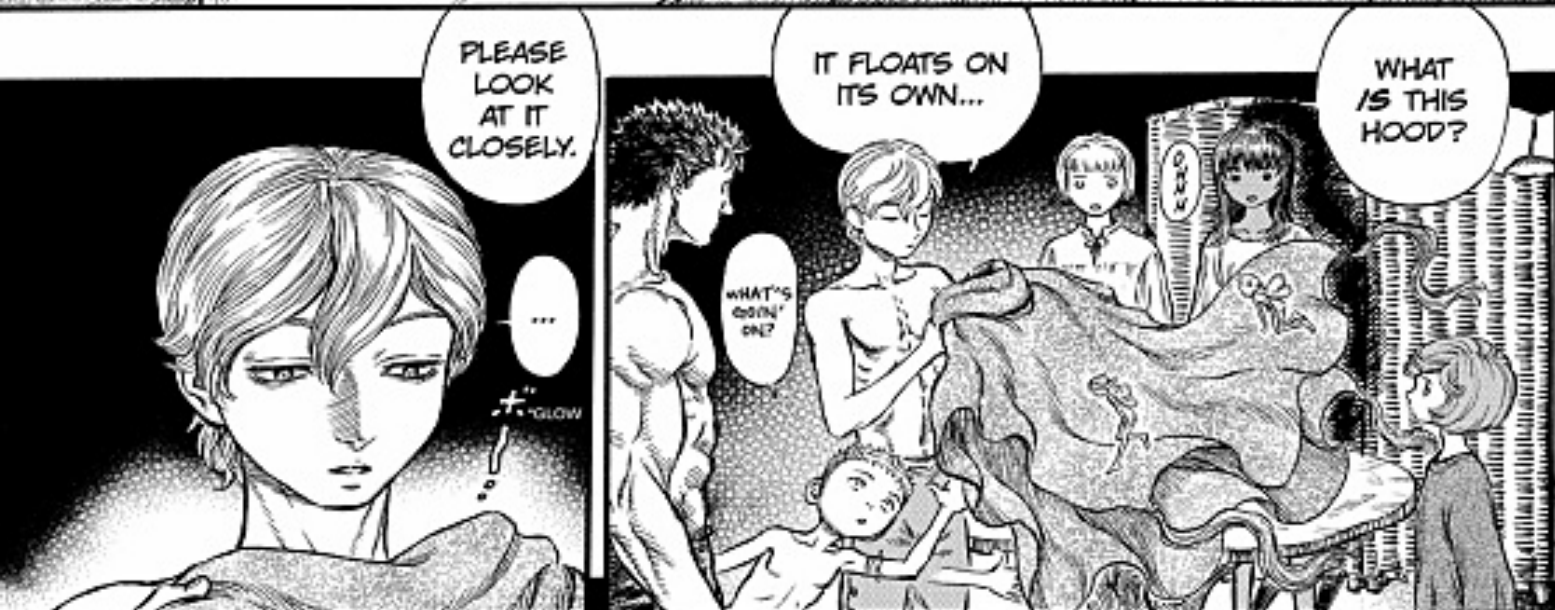


"WSS"

"WSS"

?

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PLEASE
LOOK
AT IT
CLOSELY.

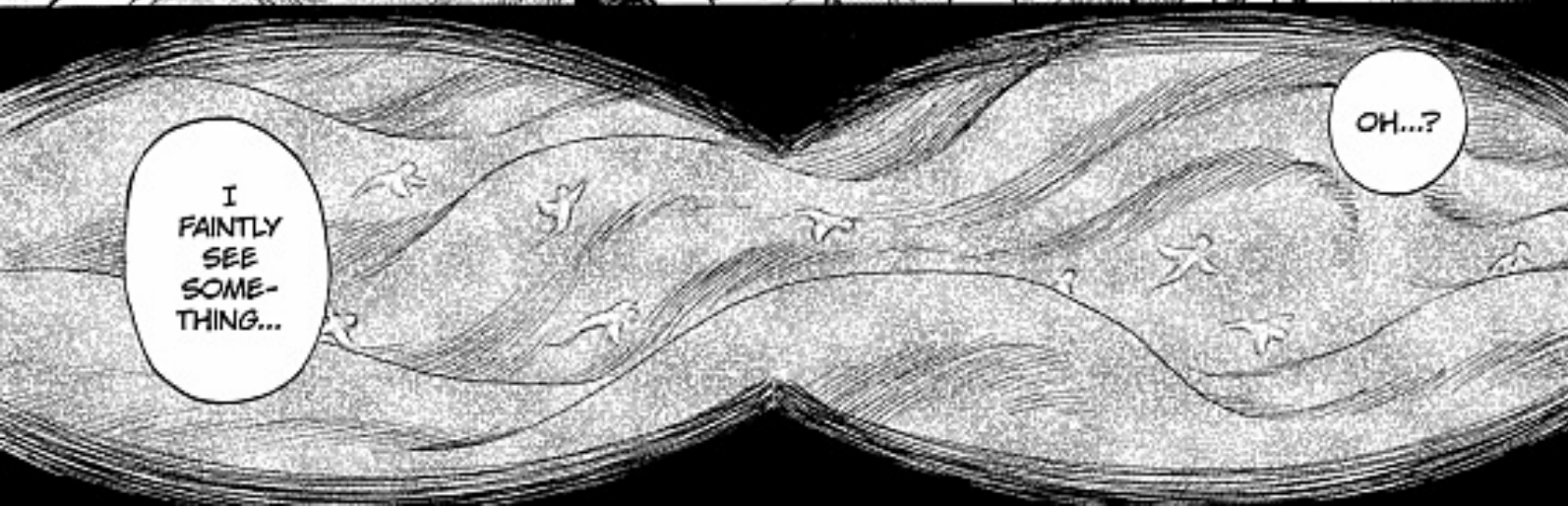
IT FLOATS ON
ITS OWN...

WHAT
IS THIS
HOOD?

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

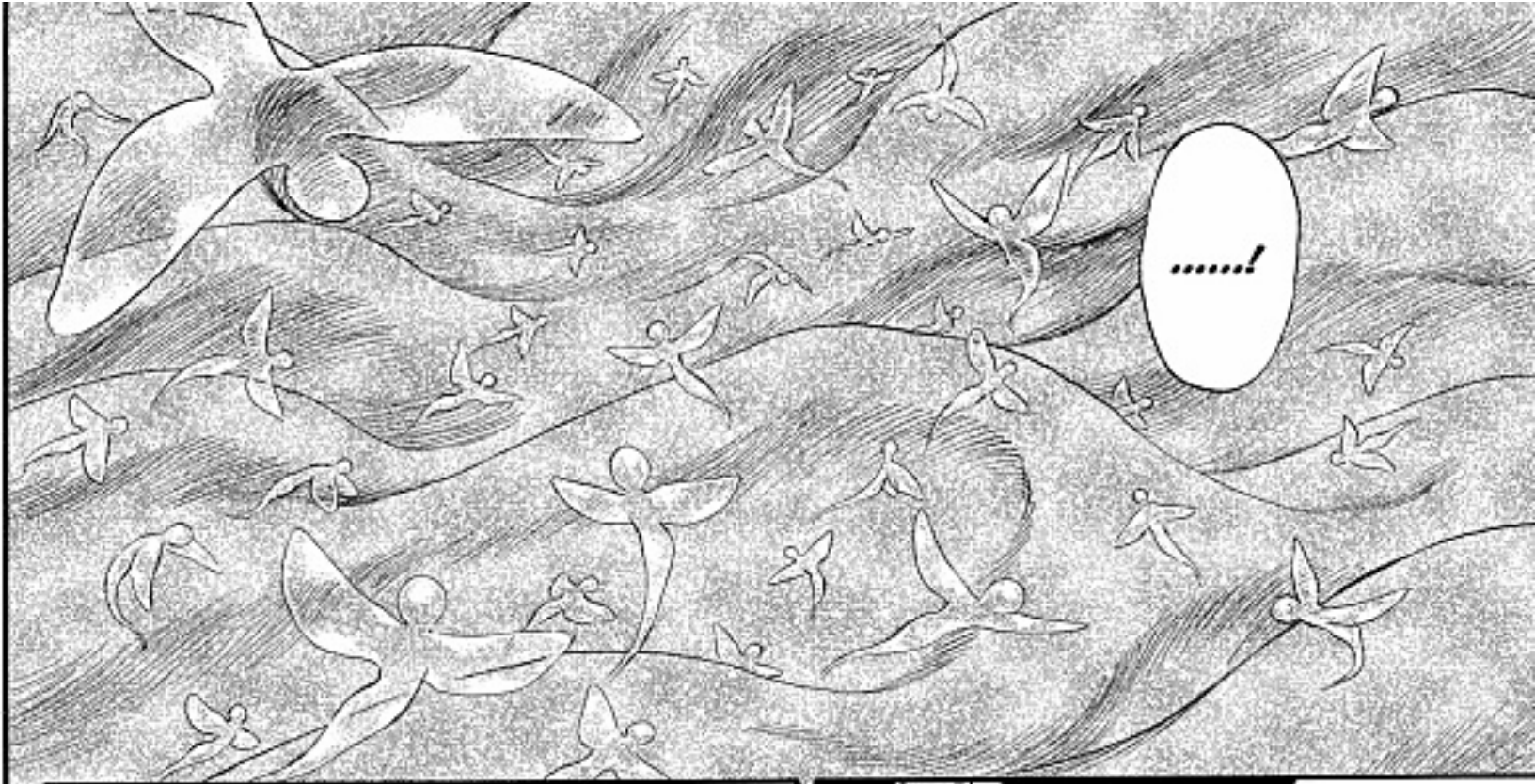
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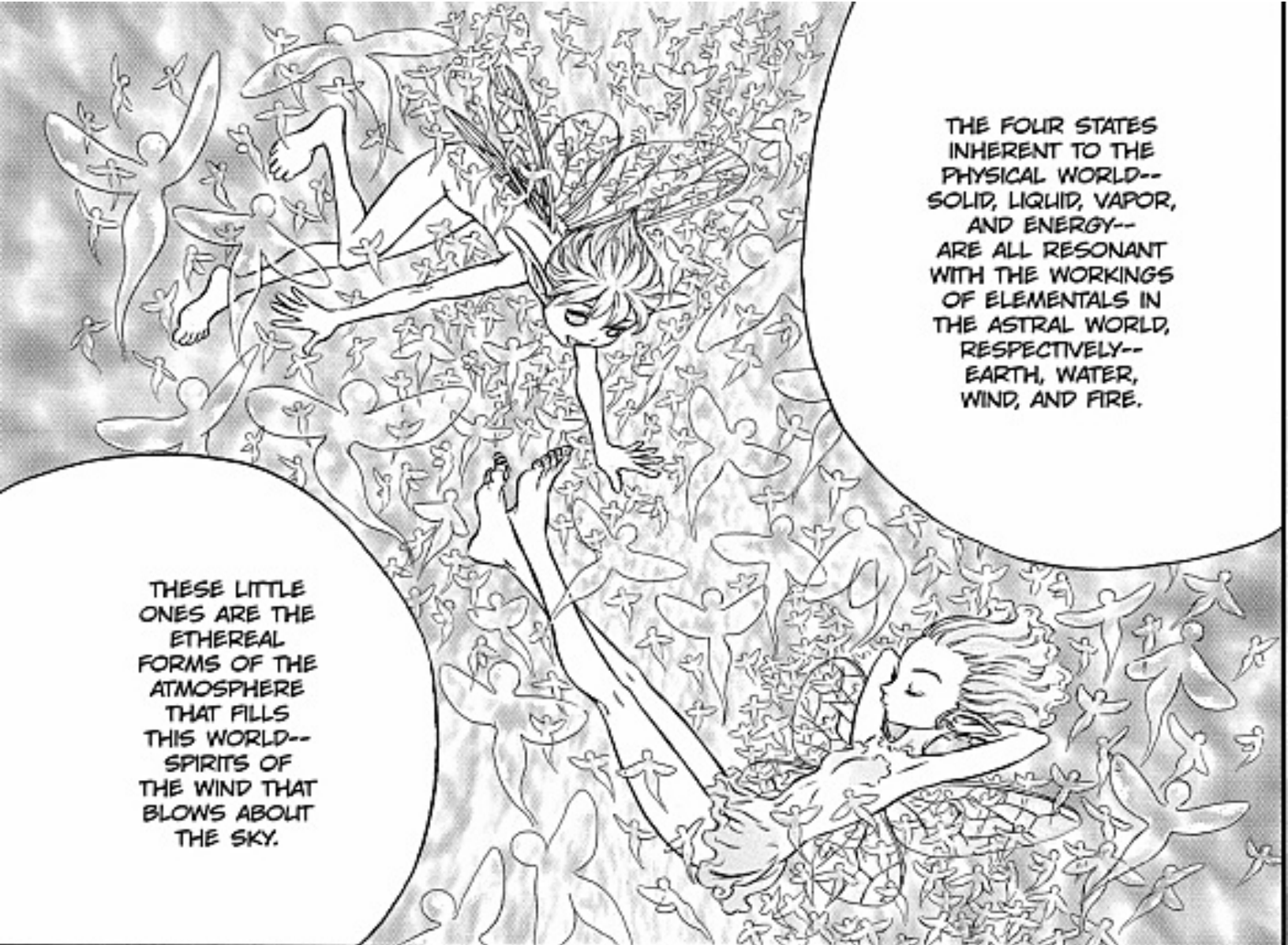
*GLOW



OH...?

I
FAINTLY
SEE
SOME-
THING...





THE FOUR STATES
INHERENT TO THE
PHYSICAL WORLD--
SOLID, LIQUID, VAPOR,
AND ENERGY--
ARE ALL RESONANT
WITH THE WORKINGS
OF ELEMENTALS IN
THE ASTRAL WORLD,
RESPECTIVELY--
EARTH, WATER,
WIND, AND FIRE.

THESE LITTLE
ONES ARE THE
ETHEREAL
FORMS OF THE
ATMOSPHERE
THAT FILLS
THIS WORLD--
SPIRITS OF
THE WIND THAT
BLOWS ABOUT
THE SKY.

**YOU MEAN I'M A
WIND SPIRIT?!**

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE SHOCKIN' TRUTH!!
I'M NOT A CHESTNUT HEAD?!



I'M
THE SAME
THING AS
HIM...

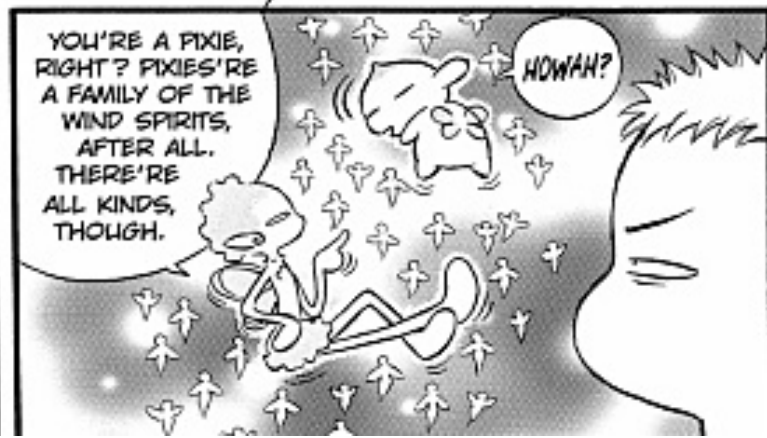
*WHONING



SO YOU
GUYS'RE
THE WIND
THAT ALWAYS
HELPS ME
OUT. I'M
PUCK.

HOW
'BOUT
THAT.

WHAT'RE YOU
TALKIN' ABOUT?
THEY'RE OUR
ANCESTORS.



YOU'RE A FIXIE,
RIGHT? FIXIES'RE
A FAMILY OF THE
WIND SPIRITS,
AFTER ALL.
THERE'RE
ALL KINDS,
THOUGH.

HOWAH?

ONE
SWING CAN
GENERATE A
WHIRLWIND...

ALSO
GRANTED
THE WIND'S
PROTECTION
IS THE
**SYLPH
SWORD.**

...THAT CAN
TEAR THE
ENEMY'S
FLESH
WITHOUT
EVEN
TOUCHING
IT.

THE
BLADE IS
MADE FROM
A WHITE-
SHOULDERED
EAGLE'S
FEATHER AND
THE HILT FROM
MISTLETOE
GROWING ON
THE HIGHEST
BRANCH IN
THE FOREST.

THIS...
IS A
SWORD?
OR A
FEATHER
DUSTER
...?

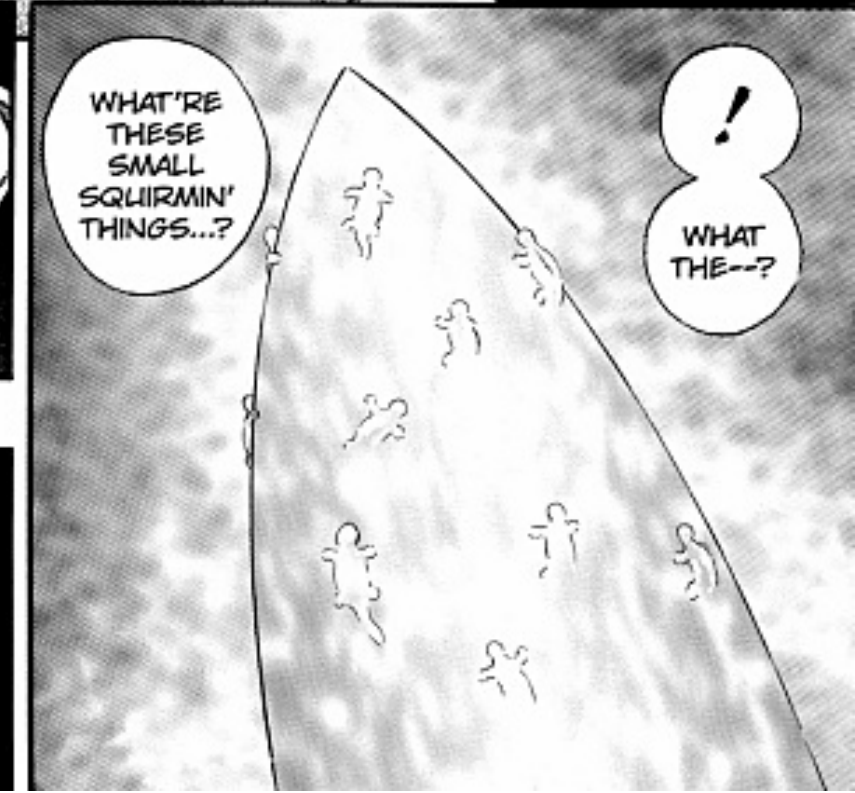
HE WHO
WEARS IT
IS CLAD IN
ATMOSPHERIC
CURRENT...

...AND CAN
SWEEP
ASIDE
SWORDS
AND
ARROWS.

THAT IS THE
SYLPH HOOD,
A FETISH
GRANTED THE
PROTECTION
OF THE
ELEMENTALS.

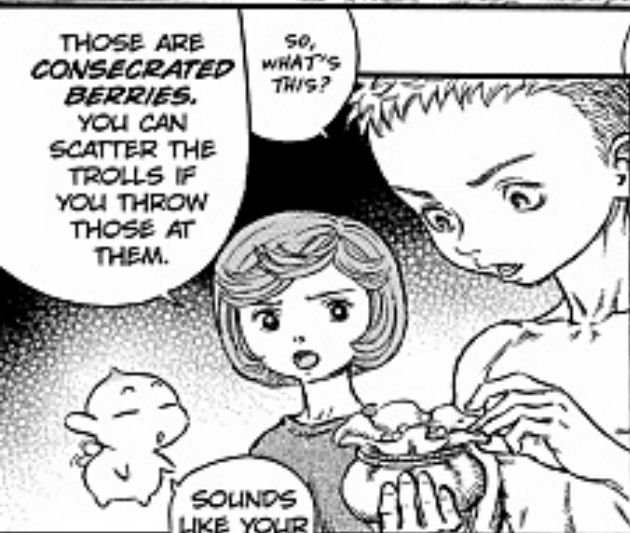






CUTS MADE
WITH THAT
DAGGER WILL
IGNITE AND
BURN AS IF
STRUCK BY A
HOT IRON.

THE BLADE
OF THE
**SALAMANDER
DAGGER**
IS MAGICALLY
CRAFTED FROM
MOLTEN LAVA.






SILVER
HAS STRONG
TALISMANIC
PROPERTIES.

ALSO A
SILVER
KNIFE FOR
FARNESE.

FOR OUR
TWO LADIES,
FARNESE
AND CASCA...

IT'S
GLOWING
FAINTLY

...SILVER
CHAIN
SHIRTS.



THEIR EFFICACY IS
REALIZED BY THE
STRENGTH OF YOUR
FAITH IN THEIR
ASTRAL POWER.

WHEN THE TIME
COMES TO USE
THE FETISHES,
PLEASE ENVISION
THE FAINT FIGURES
YOU SEE NOW
AS CLEARLY AS
POSSIBLE.



FINALLY,
I HAVE
THIS FOR
GLITS...

ALSO, THE
DEEPER THE
MUTUAL TRUST
GROWS, THE
MORE POWER
THEY ARE LIKELY
TO LEND YOU.

AND IF YOU
USE THIS POWER,
DO NOT FORGET TO
APPRECIATE THE
ELEMENTALS!
IN THE END, THE
POWER OF THE
FETISHES DEPENDS
ON THEM,
NOT YOU.

YEAHHH!
LET'S
DO THIS,
FIRE
THINGS!

I EXPECT
THE VERY BEST
FROM YOU,
MY ELITE
SOLDIERS!

I HOPE
WE CAN
ALL WORK
WELL
TOGETHER.




I DON'T
NEED IT.



I WANT
TO TAKE
INTO BATTLE
WHAT
MY HAND
KNOWS
BEST.

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BUT WHY
NOOOT?
WHAT A
WASTE.
JUST TAKE
IT.

NO...
I'M
FINE.

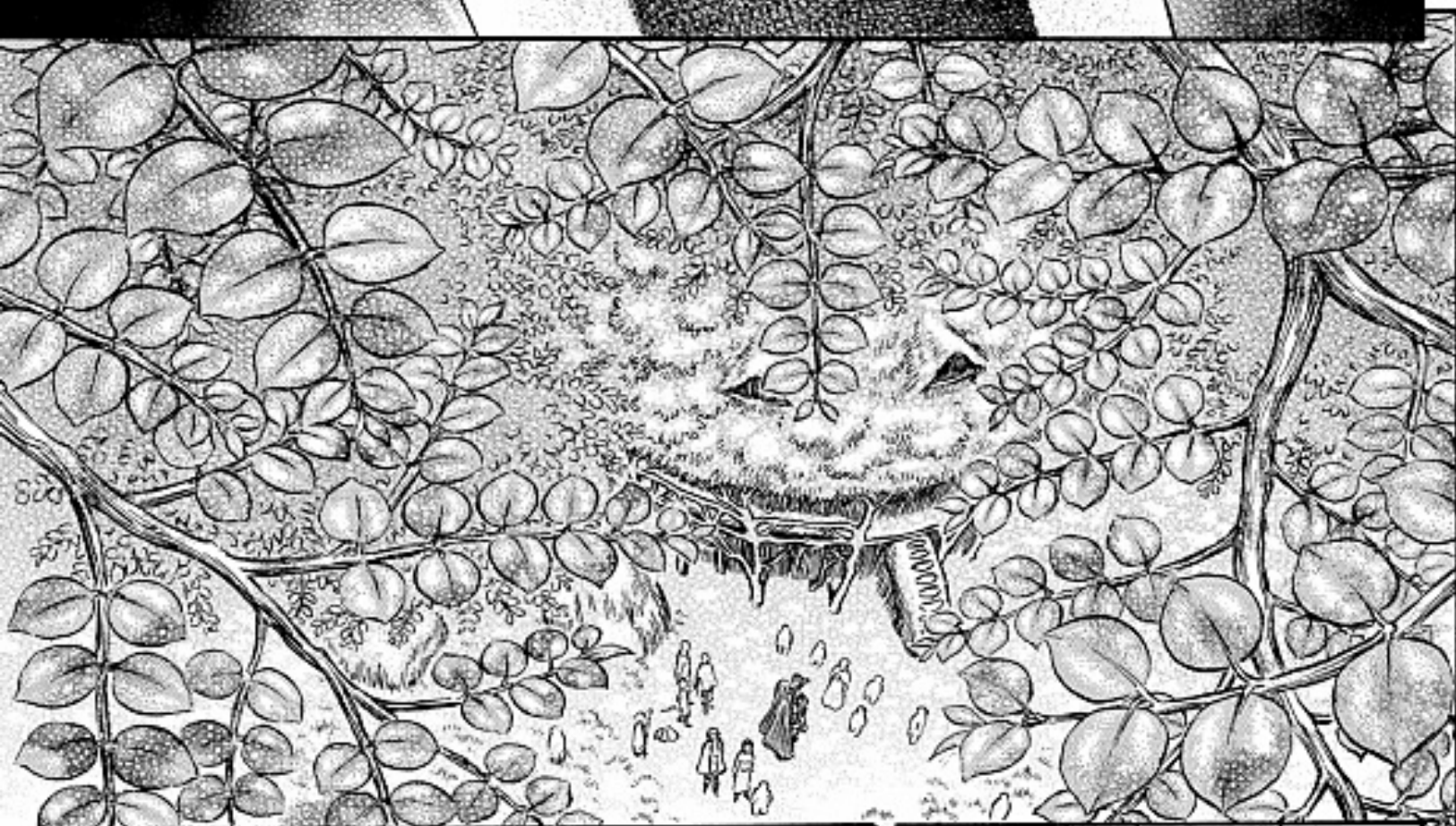
HOW
UN-
GRATE-
FUL?



*FX: SHUDDER



WHAT...?



WHILE YOU ARE HERE, MINOR WOUNDS AND NEW WOUNDS GENERALLY HEAL.

YOUR PHYSICAL BODIES HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE FORMS OF YOUR ESSENTIAL ETHEREAL BODIES.

THAT IS VERY CONVENIENT.

WHA...?

DESPITE IT BEING WINTER, IT FEELS WARM.

THIS IS A MYSTERIOUS PLACE, THOUGH. I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A LARGE TREE BEFORE.

WHY, MINE TOO.

THE SCRATCHES AND BRUISES I HAD ARE GONE.

ALSO YOUR VINE BURNS.

...THE
ASTRAL
WORLD
HERE.

WE ARE
IN...

!

TO USE
AN ANALOGY,
IT IS LIKE
THE SHORE-
LINE TO
THE SEA.

THIS FOREST
IS A SLIGHTLY
DEEPER ASTRAL
DOMAIN OF
THE INTERSTICE
THAT ONE MAY
YET ENTER
PHYSICALLY.

DUE TO THE
CURSED POWER
OF THE BRAND, YOU
EXIST PRIMARILY IN
THE PHYSICAL DOMAIN
OF THE INTERSTICE,
WHERE THE ASTRAL
WORLD IS
PERCEIVABLE.

THE
INTERSTICE
STRADDLES
THE ASTRAL
WORLD
AND THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD.

BUT YOU
WHO ARE
IN THE
SAME LAYER
REACHED IT
WITHOUT ANY
PROBLEM...

BE THAT AS IT MAY,
SO LONG AS THE MISTRESS
OF THE MANSION DOES NOT
INVITE APPROACH, REGULAR
HUMANS CANNOT VISIT HERE.
EVEN TO THE EYES OF THOSE
WITH STRONG EXTRASENSORY
PERCEPTION, AT BEST
IT SHOULD APPEAR TO
BE A MIRAGE.

THE
STRONGER THE
POWER OF
EXISTENCE IS IN
THE PHYSICAL
WORLD...

IN THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD THIS
TREE ROTTED
ABOUT TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS AGO...

...BUT WHILE
IT LIVED IT WAS
THE FOCUS OF
WORSHIP FOR
ALL ARBOREAL
ANIMISTS IN
THIS REGION.

...THE AFTERLIFE,
YOU MEAN? WE
HAD A NEAR-DEATH
EXPERIENCE
WITHOUT EVEN
KNOWING IT.

THEN,
THIS IS...

...THE LONGER
AND MORE SPLENDID
ITS SHAPE WILL
BE FIXED IN THE
ASTRAL WORLD.

OCCASIONALLY
IT TAKES ON A
MONSTROUS FORM,
THOUGH.

THAT
EXPLAINS
ALL THE
FLOWERS.

SO,
CONTROLLING
MATTER WITH
THE POWER
OF OUR MINDS
BECOMES
EASY.

SHE
NEVER
SAUTS
UP.

*BLAH
*BLAH
*FWAH

THE MAJORITY
OF MAGIC USERS
HAVE ESTABLISHED
THEIR RESIDENCES
IN THIS LAYER OF
THE INTERSTICE.
THE LIMITATIONS
OF THE MATERIAL
WORLD ARE
LONG FIXED IN
A WEAKENED
STATE HERE...

*FX: WHISPER

YOU'LL PAY
FOR THAT,
WITCH
APPRENTICE.

I AM SURE
THAT IS
THE REASON
YOU ALL
ARE LUCKY
ENOUGH TO
STILL BE
ALIVE.

OR
LIKE
THIS?

IF YOU
BECOME A GREAT
MAGICIAN, YOU
CAN EVEN FLY IN
THE SKY.

FOR
REAL?
SOUNDS
RIGHT.

I MEAN
LIKE
THIS?

OH,
OKAY!

THE ELE-
MENTALS
ARE
SEEING
YOU OFF.

THERE'S
THOSE
SPARKLES
AGAIN.

AH!

I KNOW THIS
PLACE IS SAFE,
BUT YOU CAN'T BE
CERTAIN ABOUT
ANYTHING.

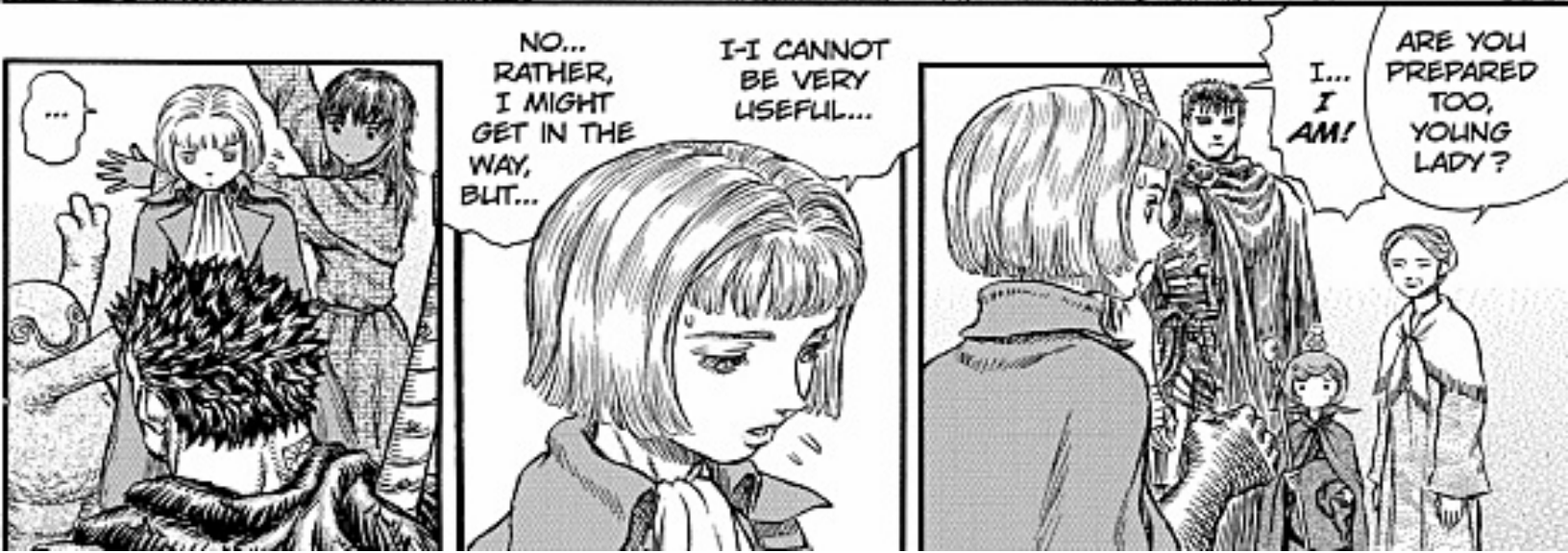
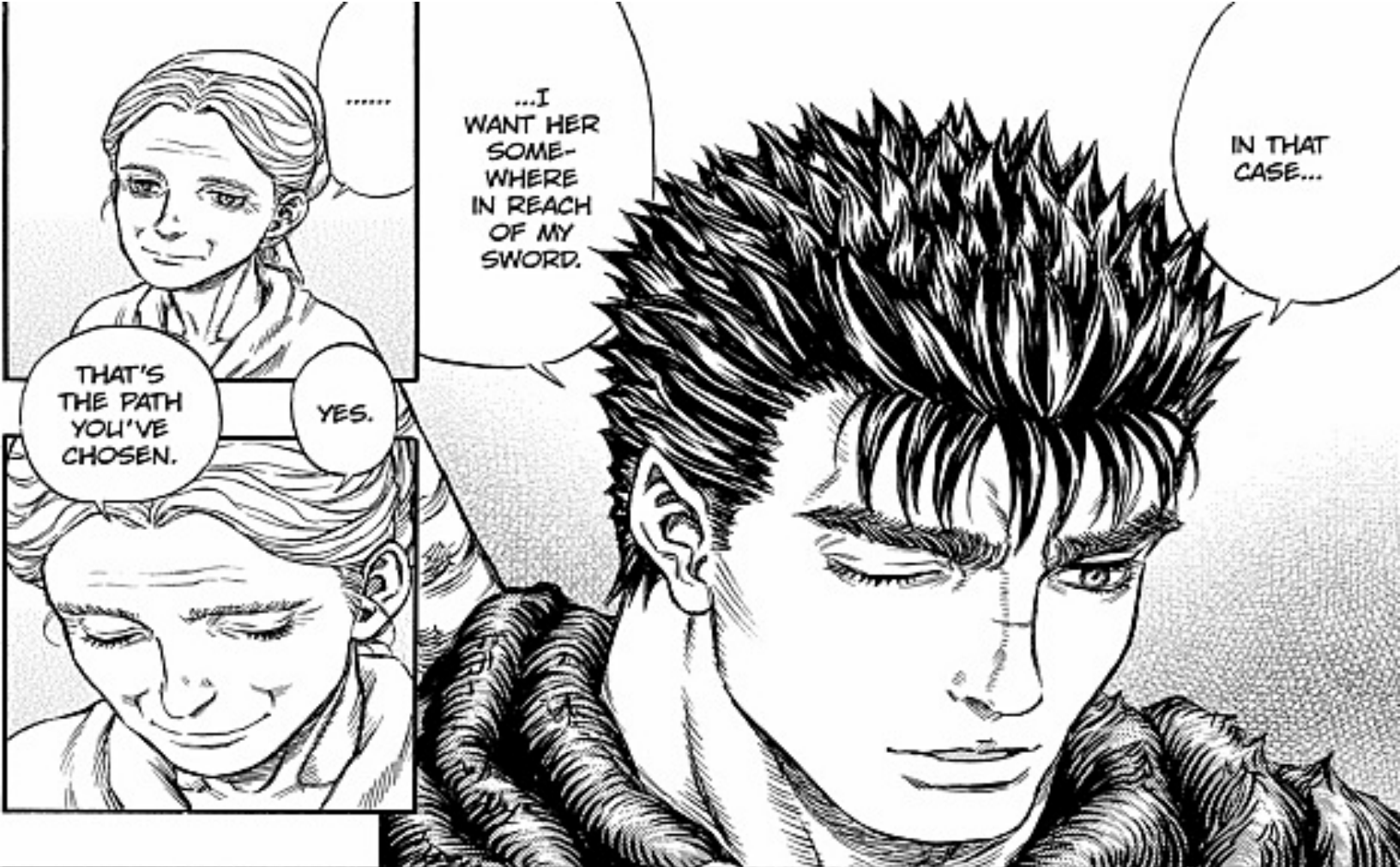
I APPRECIATE
YOUR IDEA,
BUT NOT ONCE
HAS ANY GOOD
COME OF LEAVIN'
HER BEHIND.

BUT
...

*FX: SPIN SPIN SPIN

*WHEEE

MISTRESS,
COULD NOT
CASCA AT LEAST
STAY HERE IN
YOUR KEEPING?





A...
ALL
RIGHT!

YOU
CAN
PRO-
TECT
CASCA.

GOHAK
OF
THE
WIND

GOHAK
OF
THE
WIND

GOHAK
OF
THE
WIND



IT'D BE
SO MUCH
EASIER BY
MYSELF.

SIGH
フ

WHAT A
TOTAL
NUISANCE.



WELL,
I SHALL
RETURN.

W...

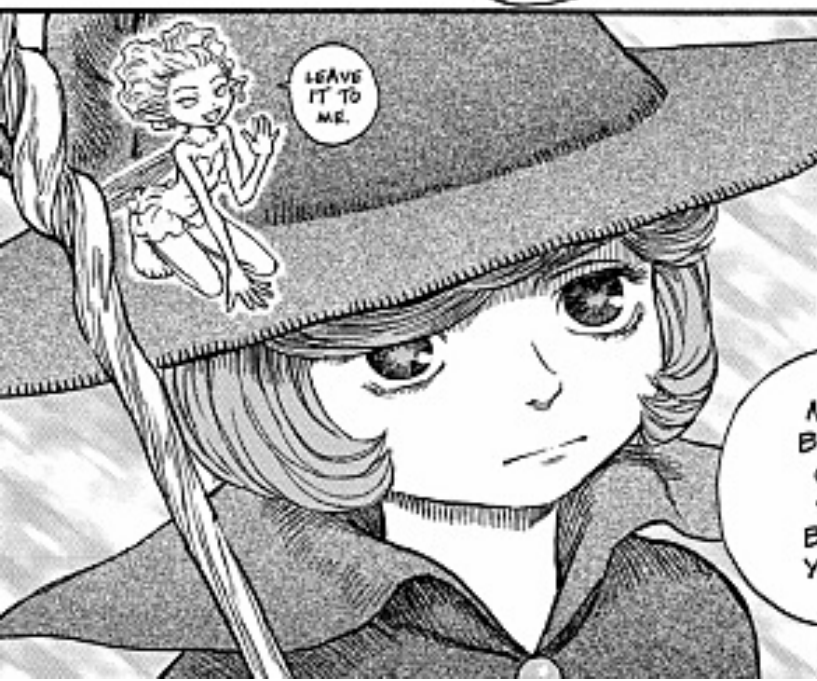


C'MON! LET'S
HIT THE ROAD!
WE'LL KICK
THOSE MONKEYS
AROUND!

ESPE-
CIALLY
HIM...

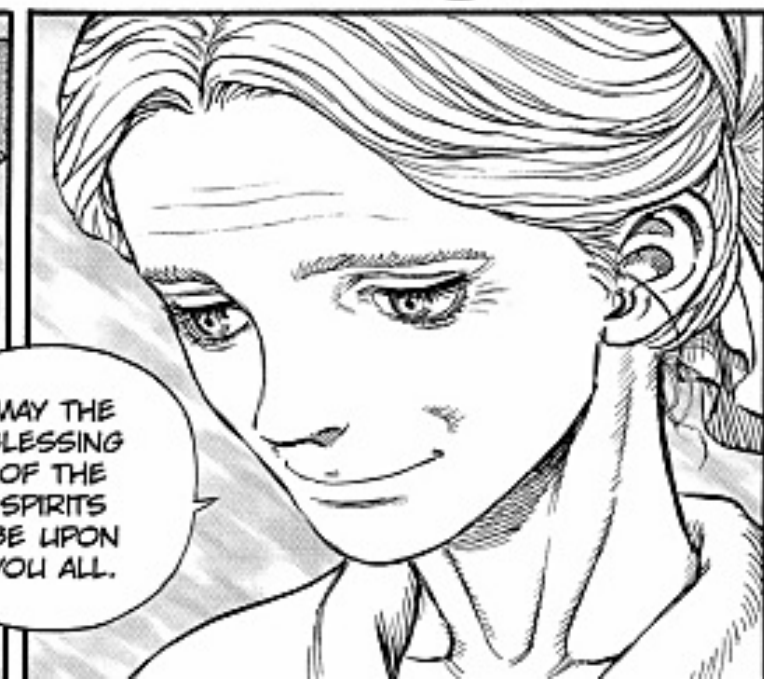
*FX: VIP VIP

*banner: WIND GOD

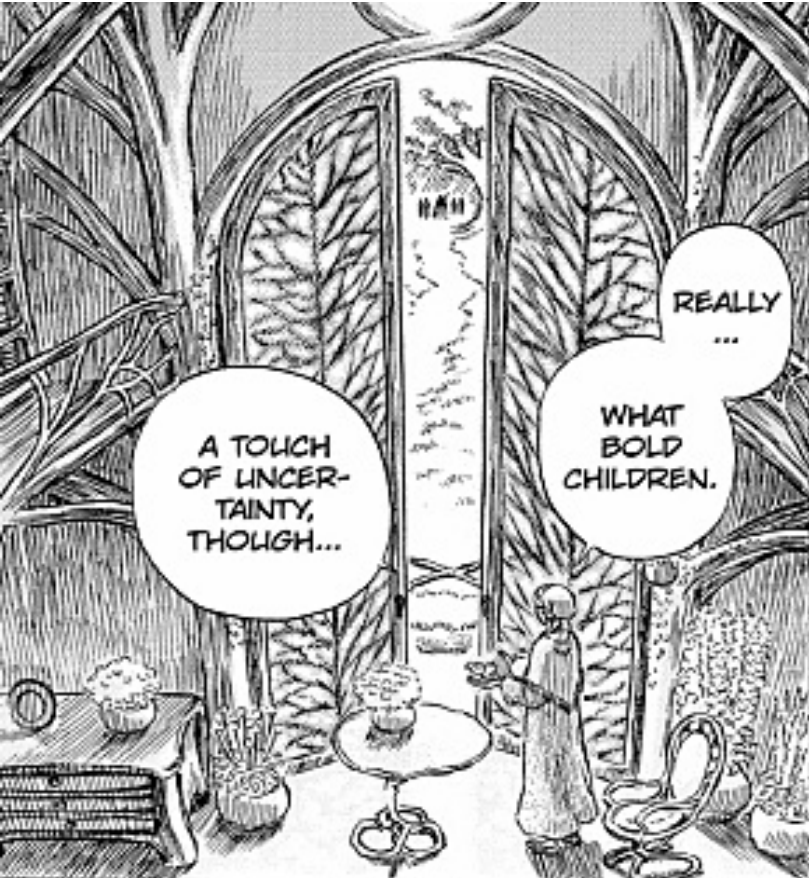


LEAVE
IT TO
ME.

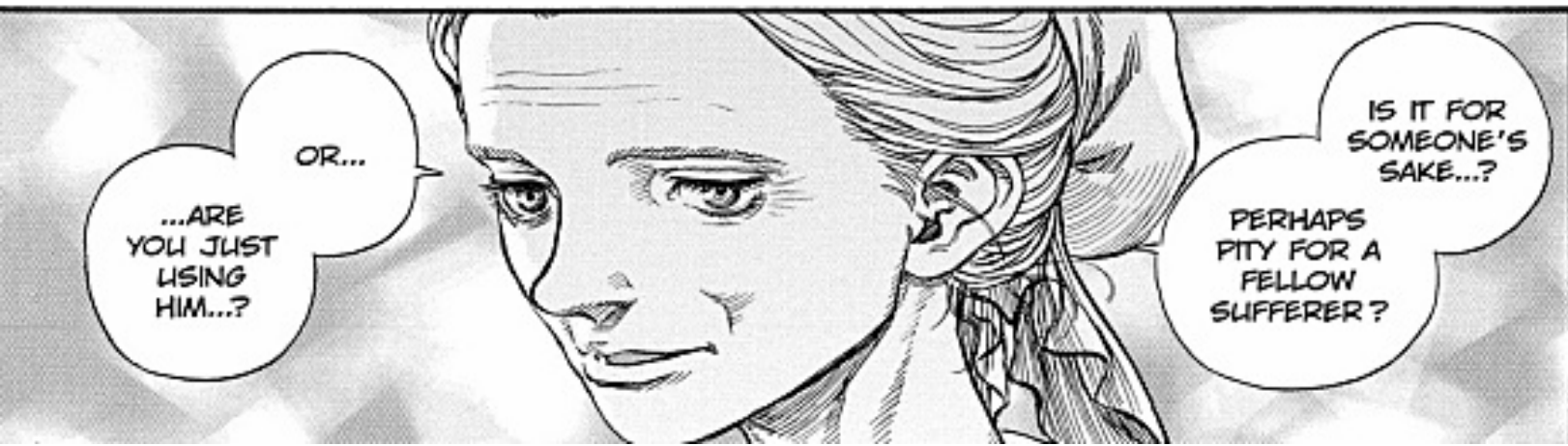
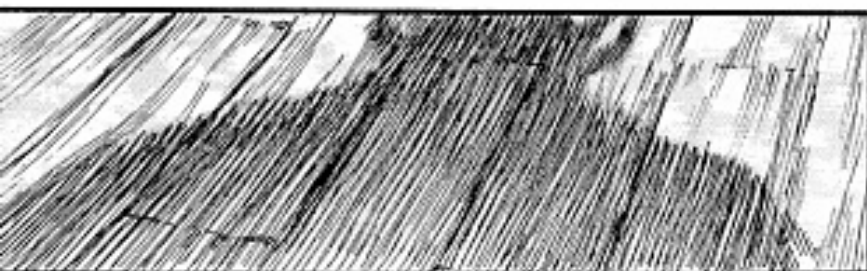
MAY THE
BLESSING
OF THE
SPIRITS
BE UPON
YOU ALL.

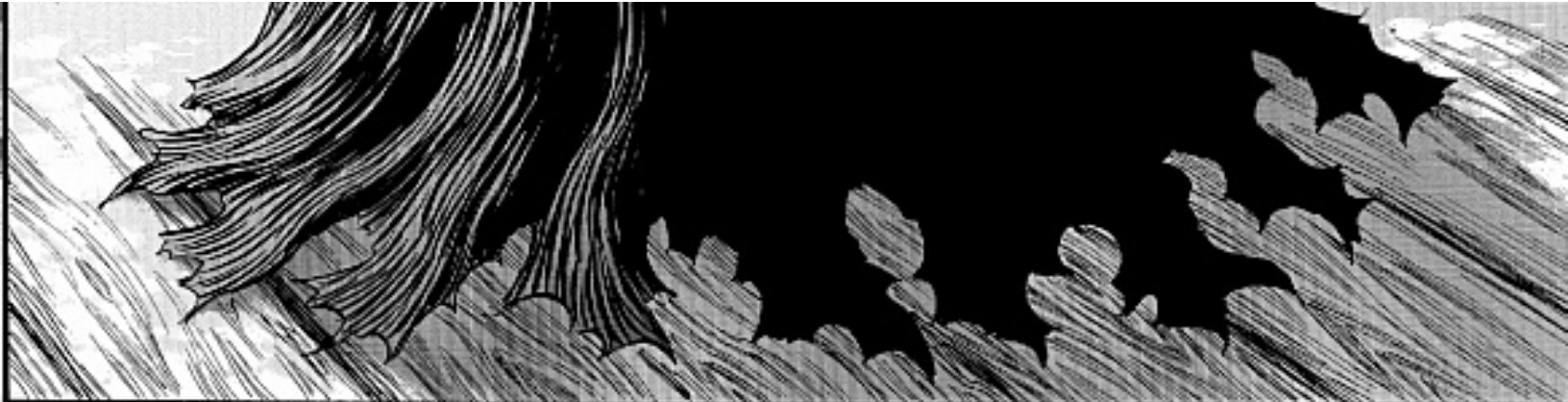






*FX: GREE





I WANT
TO BELIEVE
THE HEART
OF A MAN
STILL REMAINS
WITHIN YOU.

OLD
FRIEND.



EVEN IF
I DON'T
DO IT
MYSELF...



...THAT ONE
MAY ALSO BE
A FACTOR
GUIDED BY
THE LAW OF
CAUSALITY...



YES...



THE FATE
CALLED
ENCOUNTERS.

GOD
BESTOWS
UPON US
FATE.

FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC
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ENOCH VILLAGE

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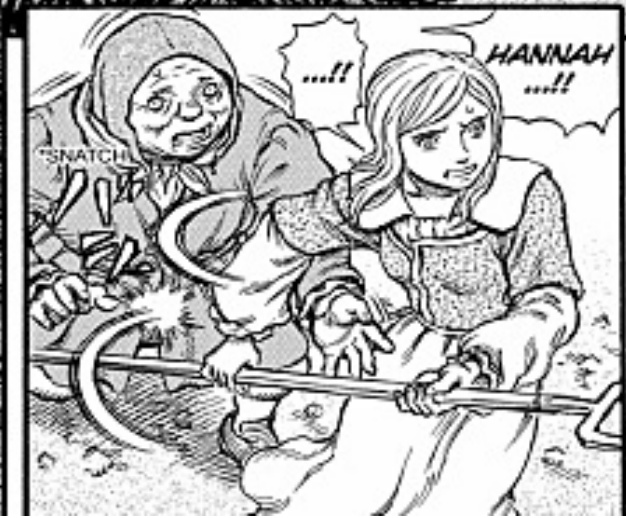
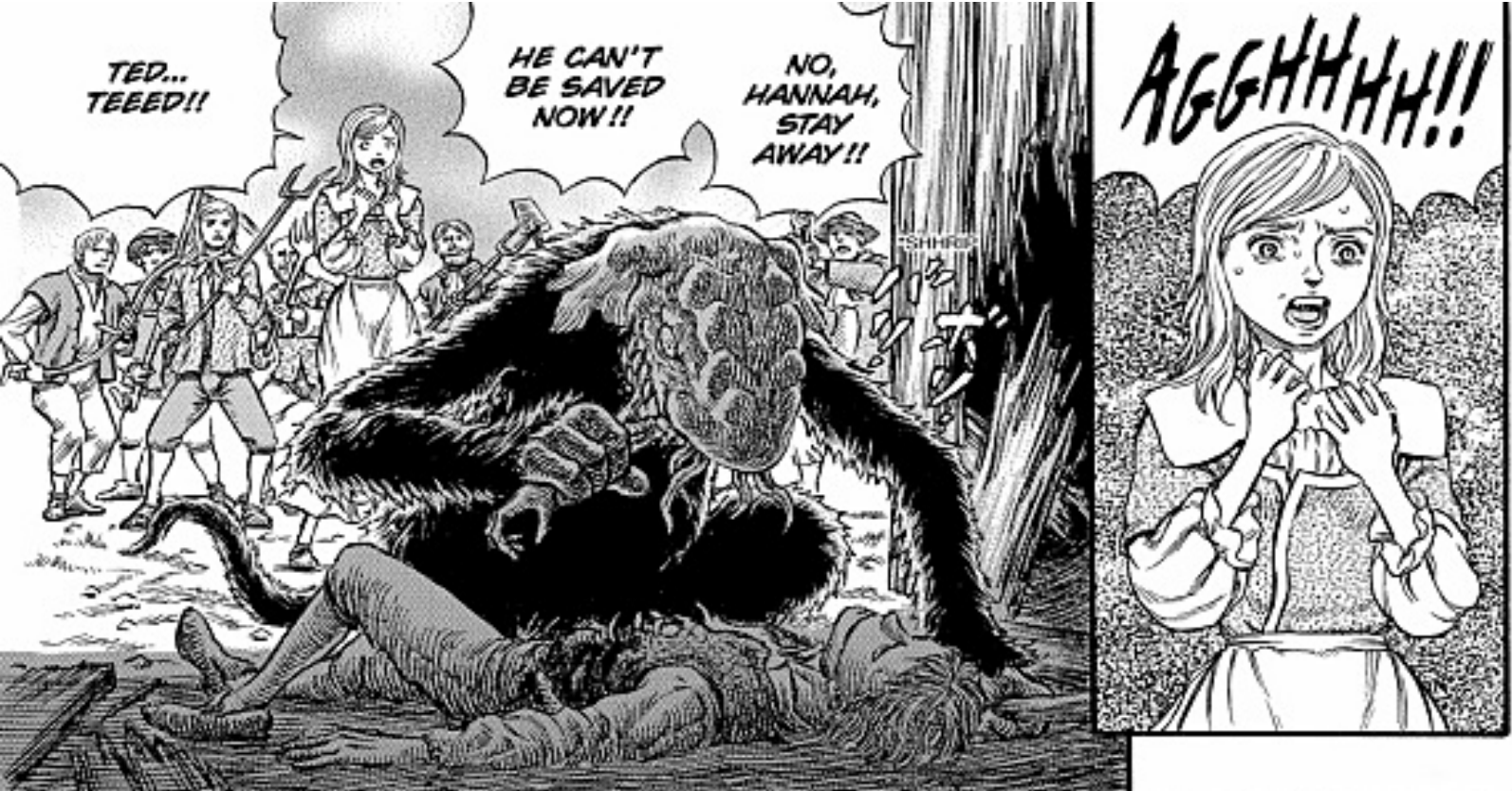
BERSERK



*FX: KRNCH KRNCH



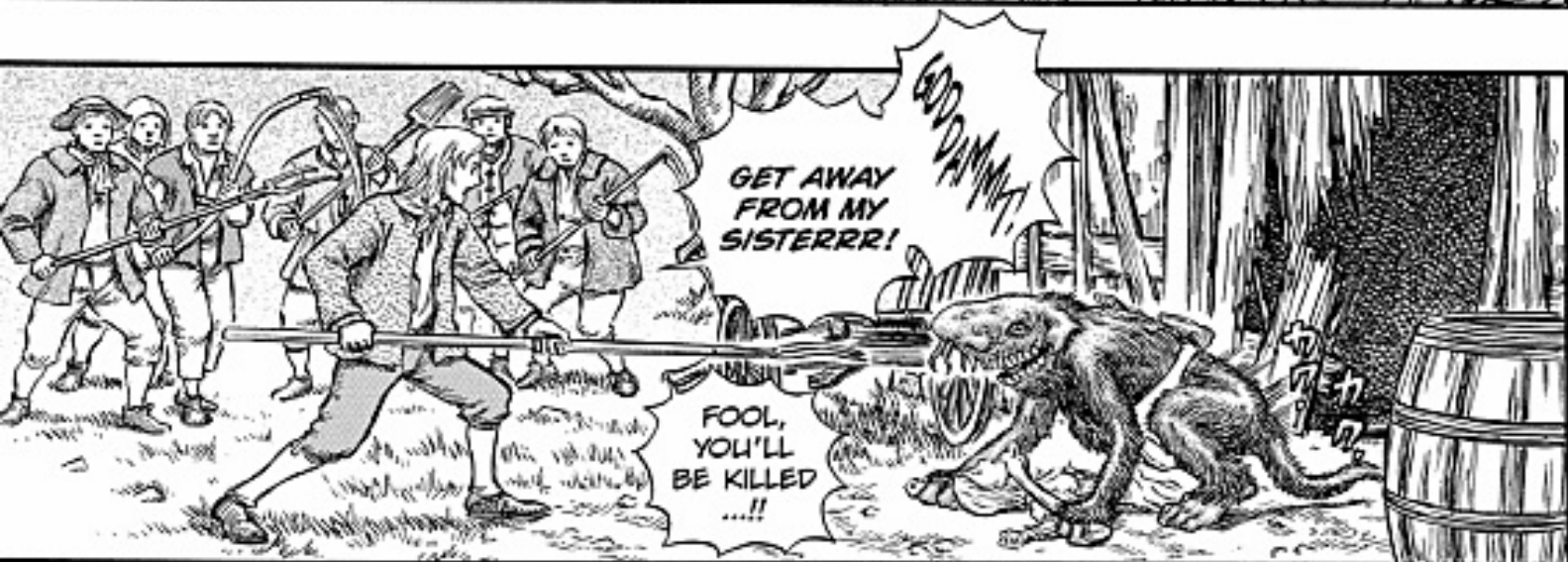






*FX: HAAAH





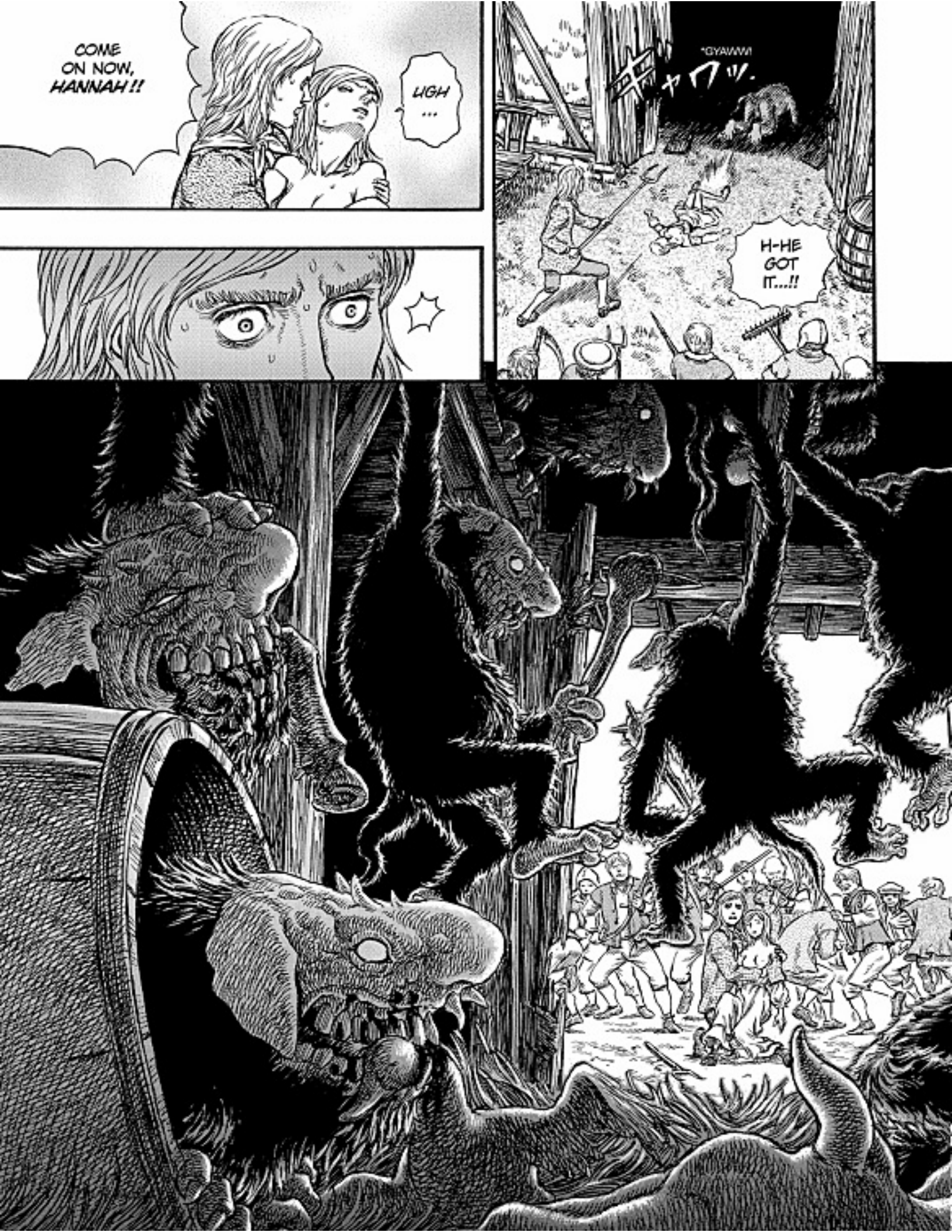
COME
ON NOW,
HANNAH!!

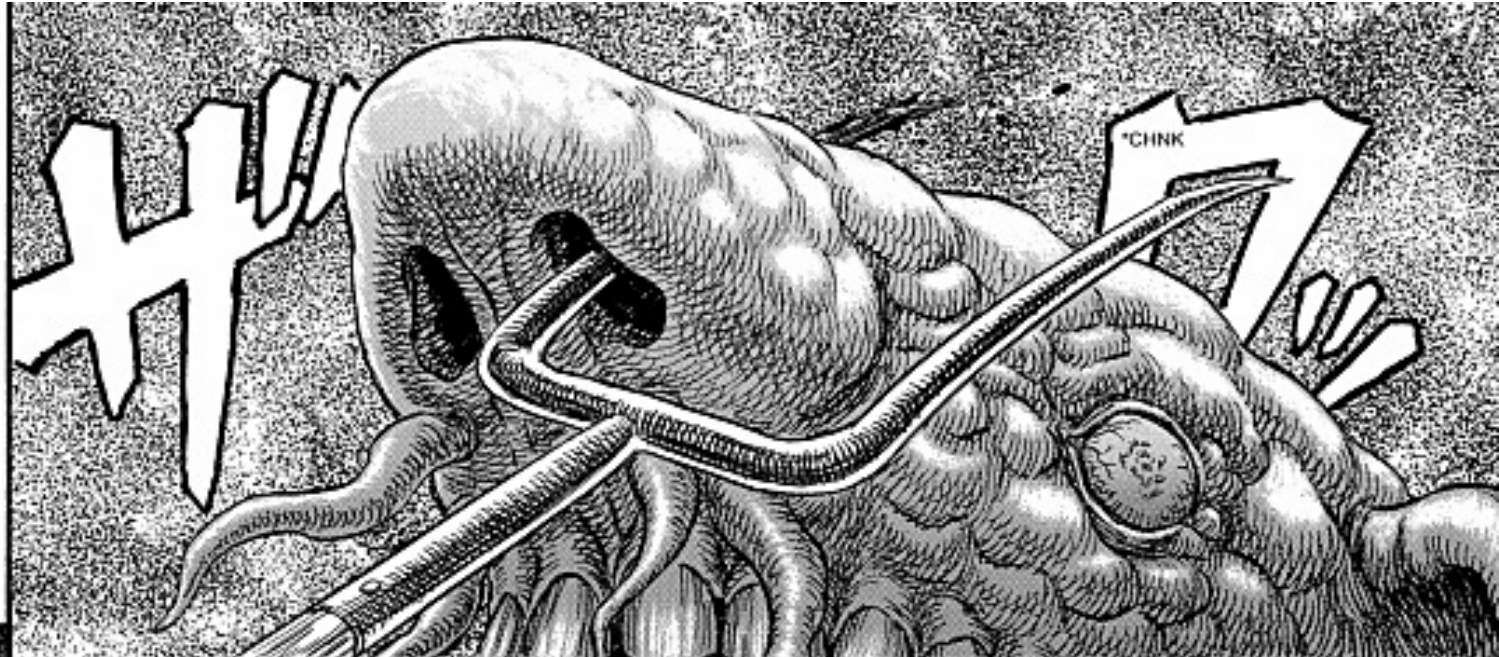
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...

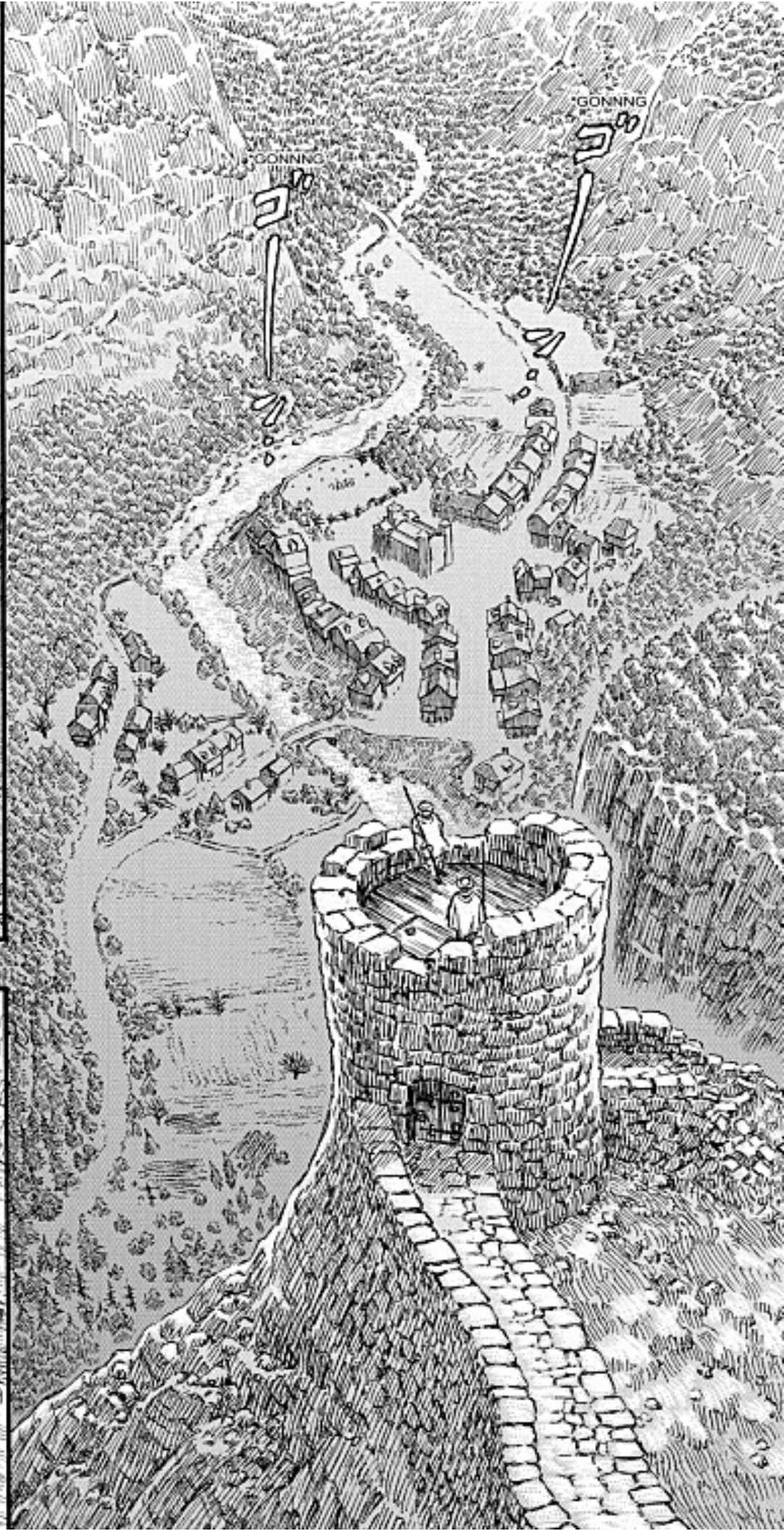
*GYAWWW!

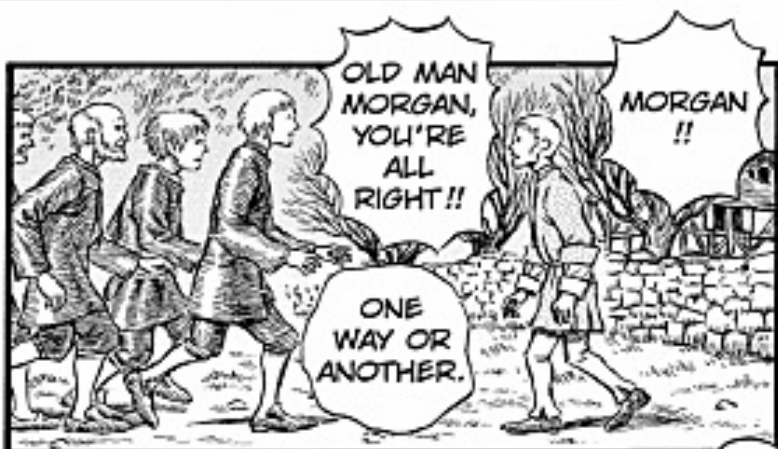
ヤアッ!

H-HE
GOT
IT....!!

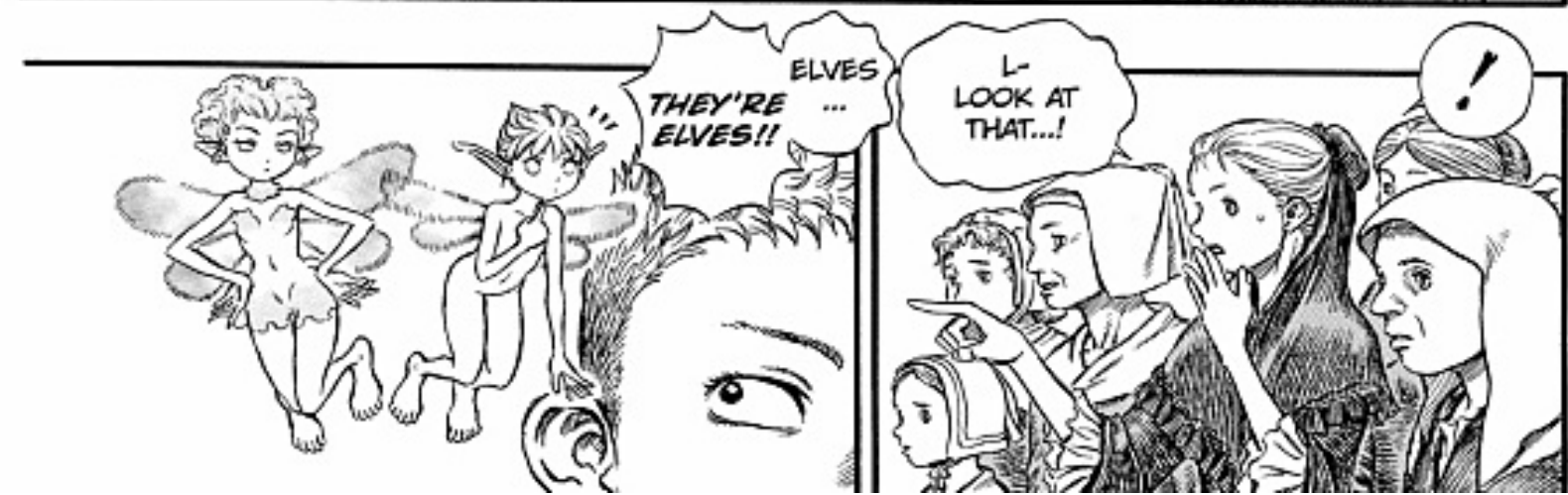
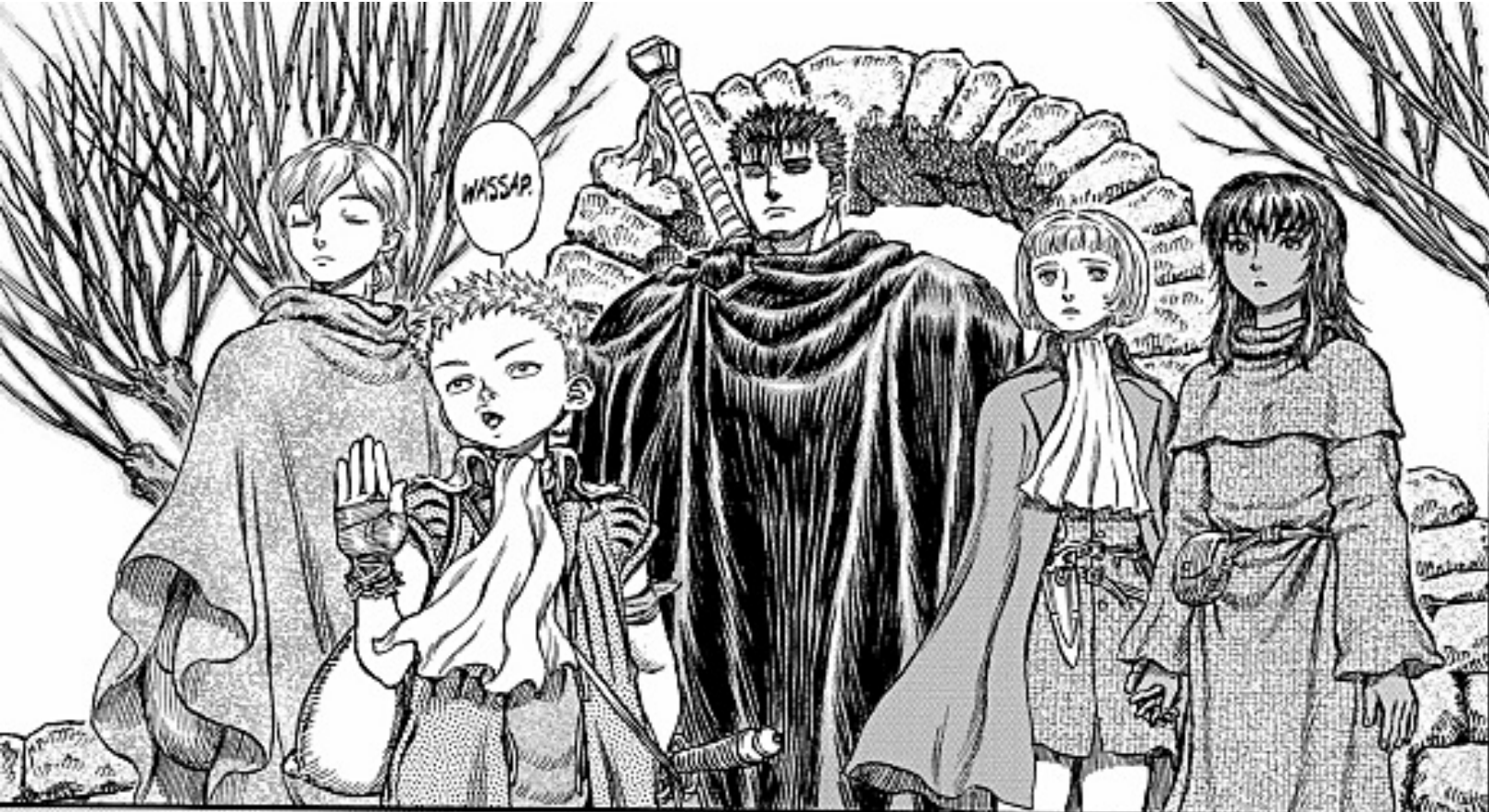


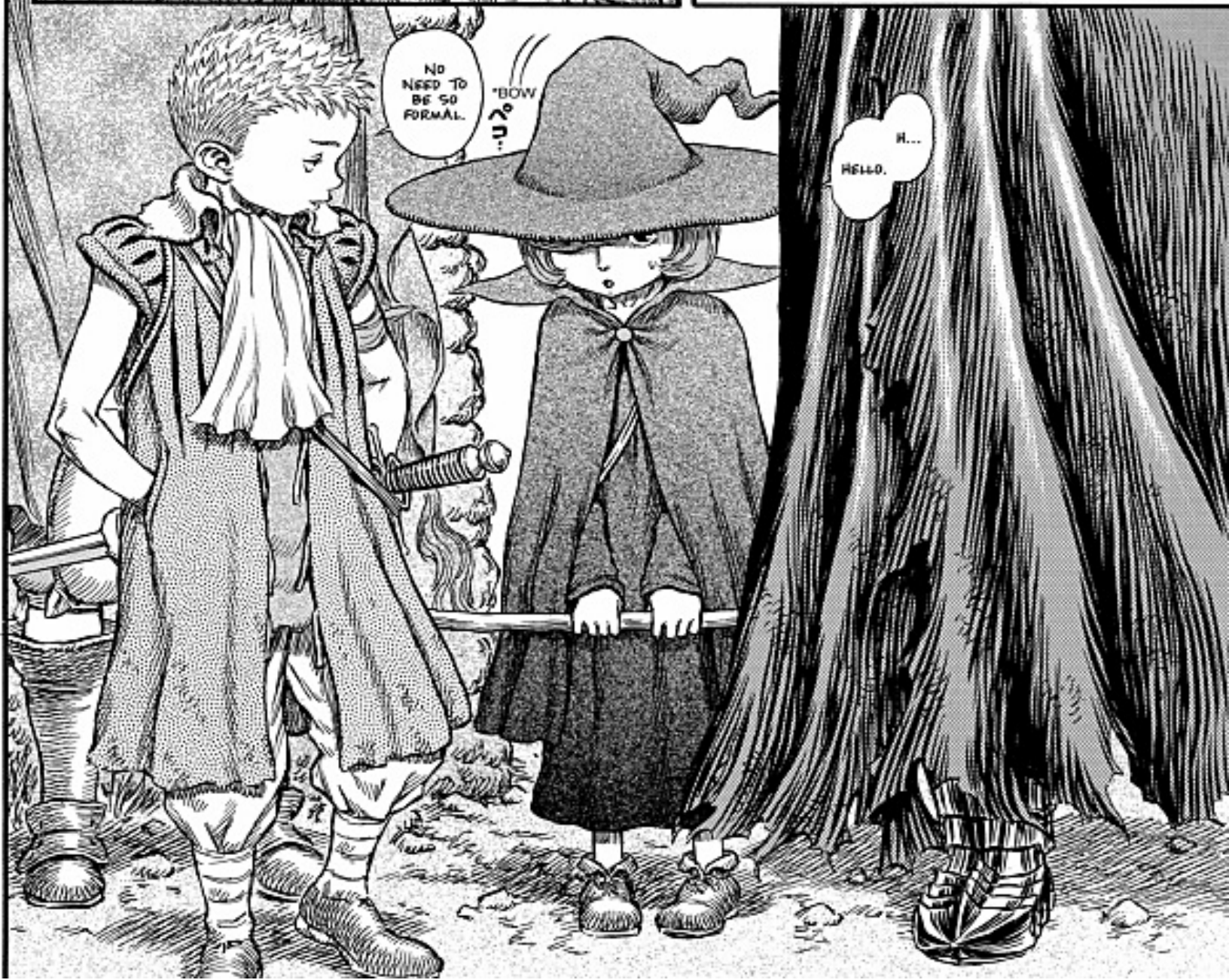


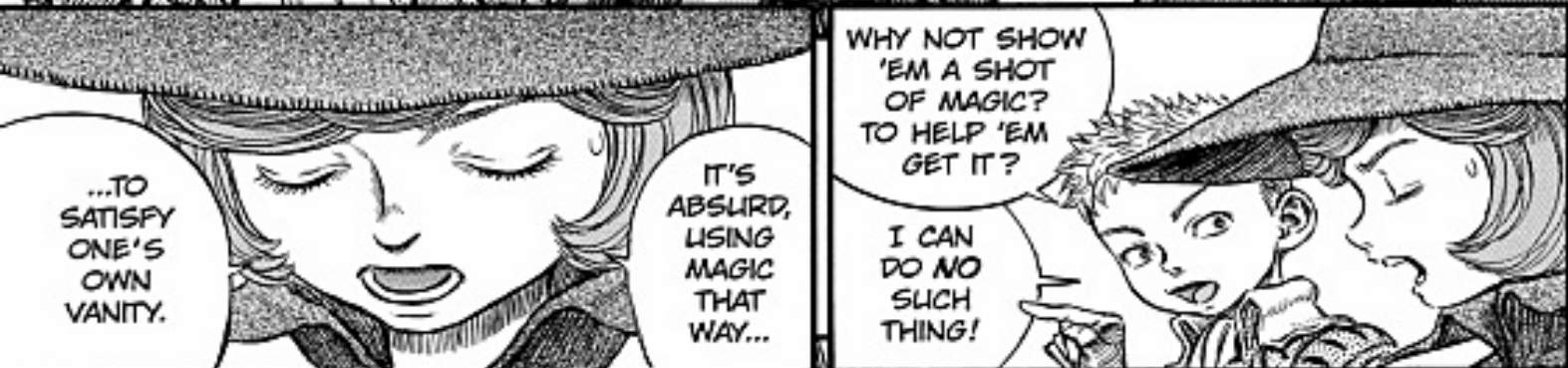


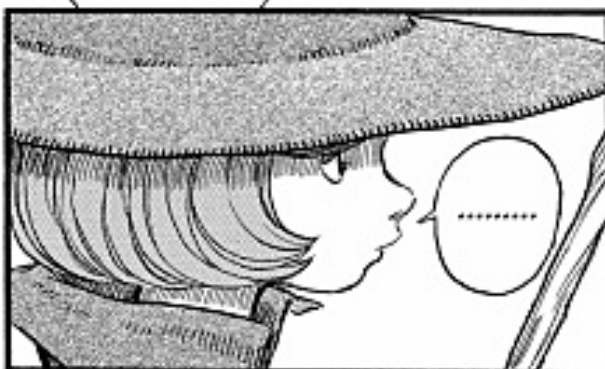
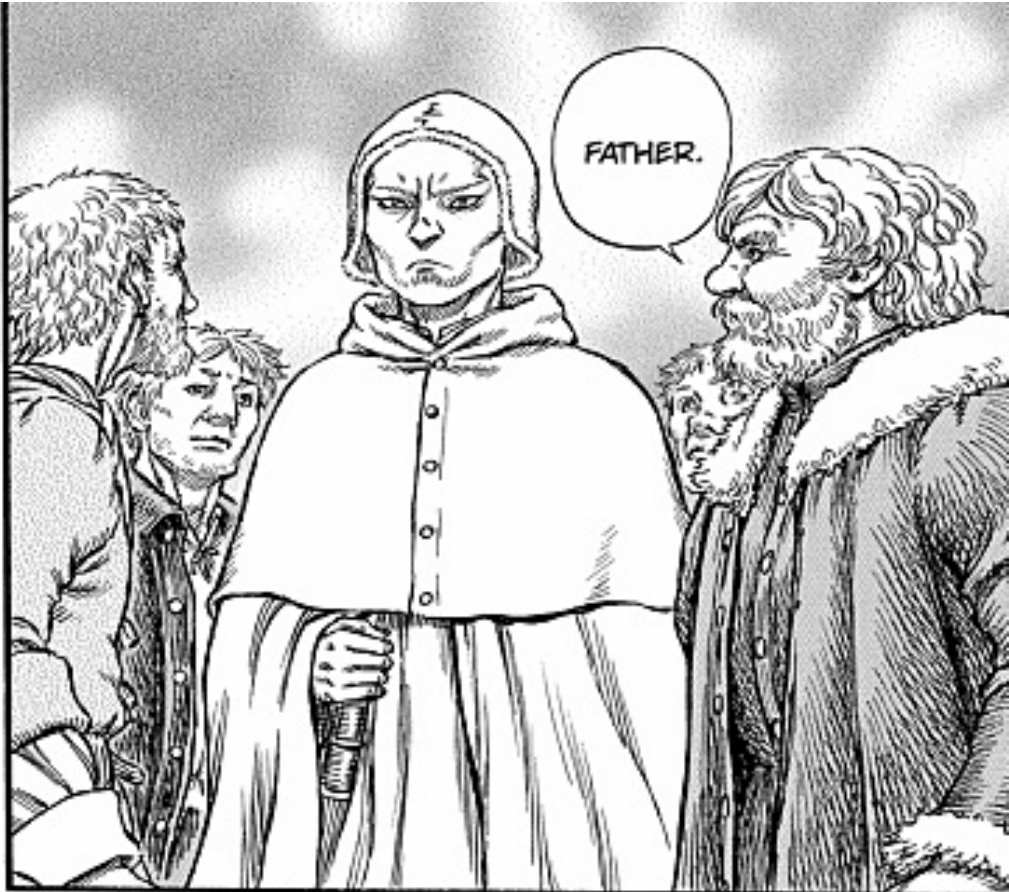
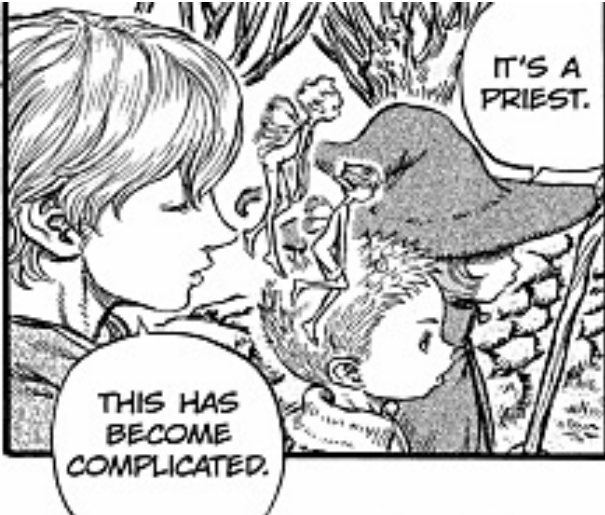












WILL IT
NOT RATHER
RESULT IN
THE NEEDLESS
ADDITION OF
VICTIMS?

RELYING
ON DUBIOUS
SUPERSTITIONS
LIKE WITCHES
WILL NOT
RESOLVE OUR
PRESENT STATE
OF AFFAIRS
ONE BIT.



THEY HAVE
ELVES ALONG
WITH THEM.

B-BUT,
FATHER.



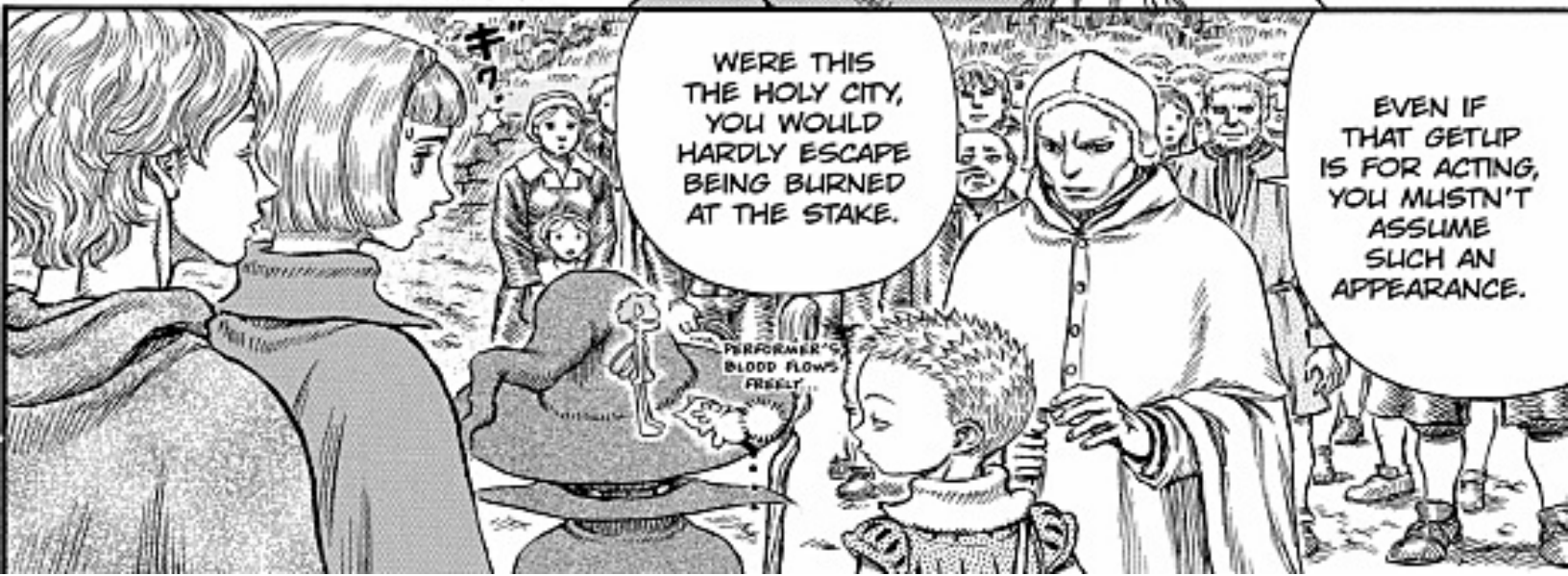
IT IS LIKELY
A DEED BORN
OF A SENSE
OF GUILT AT
BEING THE
ONLY ONE
TO SURVIVE,
BUT ALSO
EXCESSIVELY
THOUGHT-
LESS...

N-
NO...!

EVEN SO,
MORGAN,
MAKING A
CHILD LIKE
HER WEAR
A WITCH'S
GETUP...



*FX: FLINCH



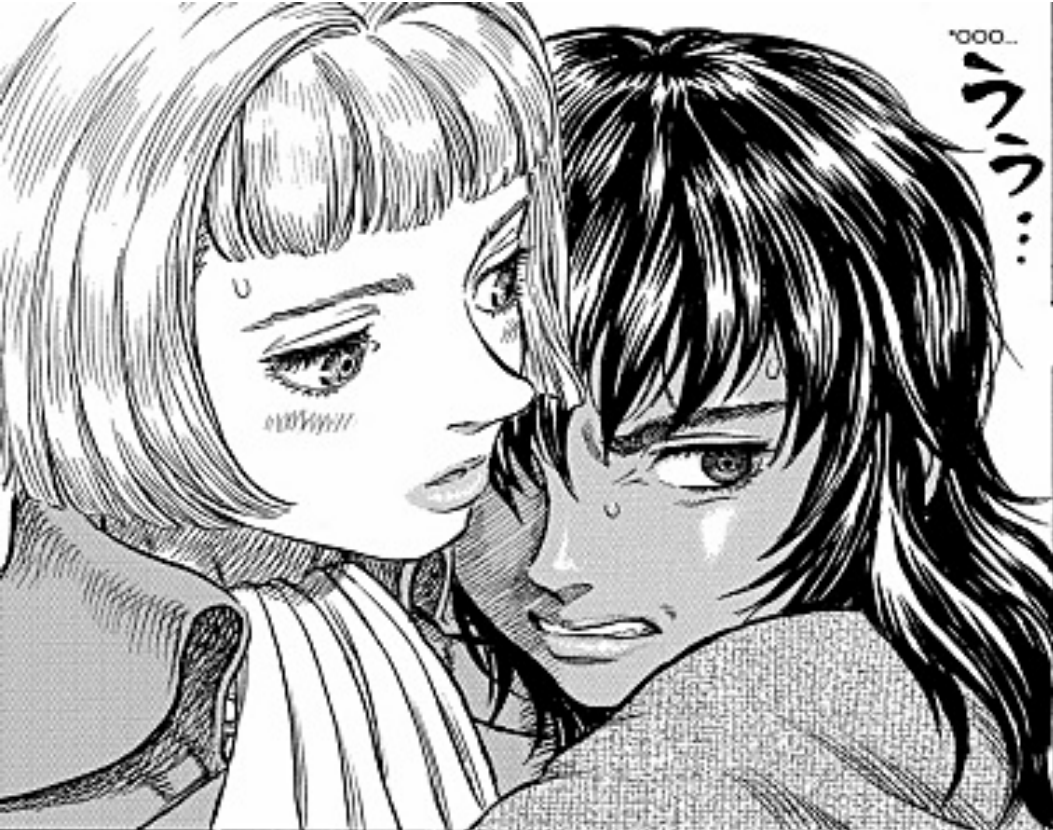
...SYMBOLS OF
APOSTASY AND
WICKEDNESS.

WITCHES
AND THE
LIKE...

...ARE
NOTHING
BUT...







000...
うう...



SORRY
'BOUT
THAT.

YOU SEE
HOW IT
IS.



THIS IS
NO TIME
FOR--

NAY!



SHE'S
A PILGRIM,
PRAYING TO
REGAIN HER
HEALTH.



COULD WE
HAVE A PLACE
TO STAY FOR
THE NIGHT?

LONG
JOURNEYS WITH
THE SICK AND
KIDS'RE REALLY
TIRING.



...SHOW
CHARITY TO
PILGRIMS.

IT'S
CUSTOMARY
THAT THE
CHURCH
...



...FOR
WHAT
HAP-
PENS.

I'M NOT
RESPON-
SIBLE...



L....
LOOK
AT THAT
SWORD
!!

WE
OWE YOU
ONE.

A-
AMAZIN'
....!!

THAT
LEFT
ARM...

IS IT
REAL
...?

“HMPH”



PREPARE
LODGING
FOR THEM,
CHIEF.

THAT WAS
GOOD
THINKING.



GO AND
WITNESS
WITH
YOUR OWN
EYES...

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AMBITION AND REFLECTION

野望と追憶

BERSERK

...PLEASE
TIE THIS
AROUND
YOUR
FINGER.

EVERYONE
...



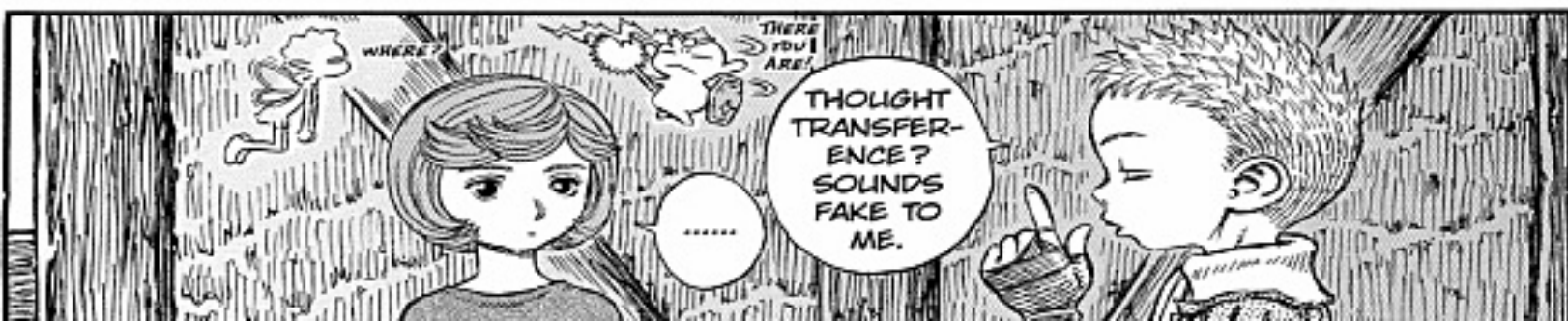
WHY
THIS?

HAIR?
YOURS
?



THAT'S
TELE-
PATHY.

SO THAT
WE CAN USE
THOUGHT
TRANSFERENCE.



THOUGHT
TRANSFER-
ENCE?
SOUNDS
FAKE TO
ME.

.....



WHO'S A
MONKEY,
YOU DIRTY
LITTLE
...?!?

*thought: FEEBLE-MINDED MONKEY

LIKE CURSING
SOMEONE
WITH A NAIL
OR HAIR?

THIS MAKES USE OF
A TECHNIQUE CALLED
CONTAGIOUS MAGIC,
IN WHICH A PART OF
THE SUBJECT IS USED
EACH TIME THE SPELL
IS CAST.



FURTHER, FOR THOSE
WHO LACK TRAINING IN THE
CONCRETE VISUALIZATION OF
IMAGES, THOUGHTS, BEFORE
THEY ARE GIVEN FORM VIA
LETTERS AND WORDS, ARE
VAGUE AND INCONSTANT.

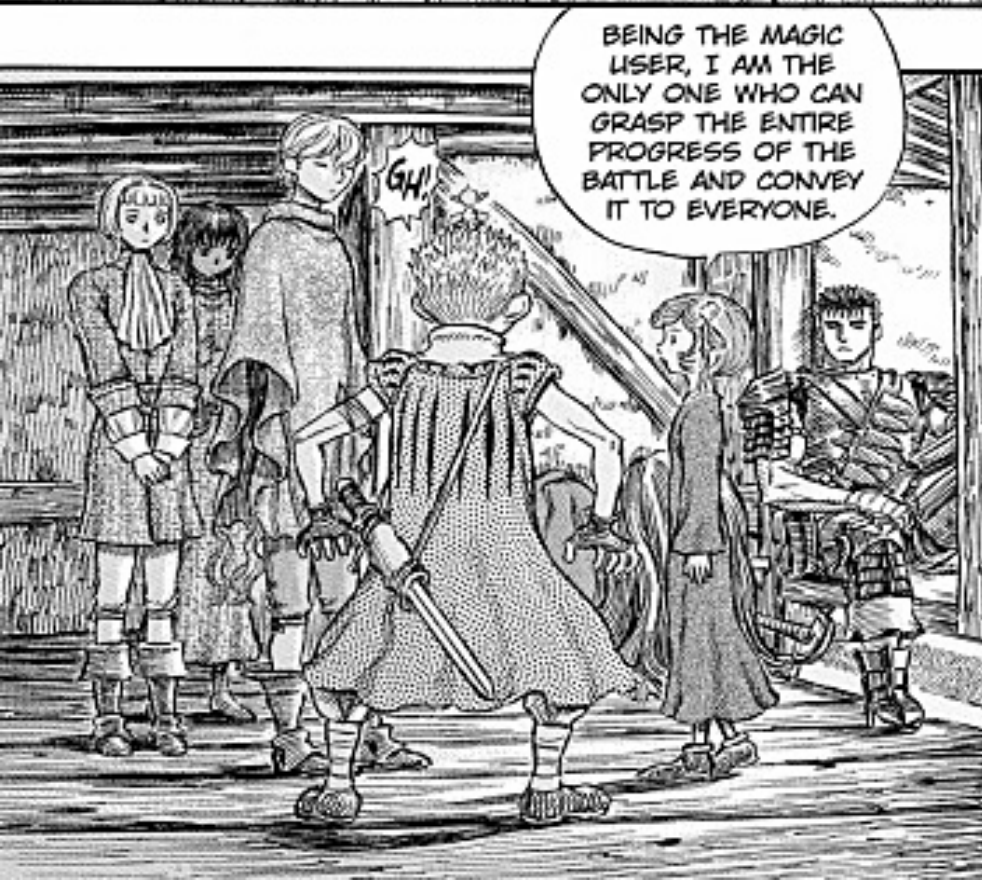
WITH
THOSE HAIRS
ATTACHED
TO YOU,
YOUR OD
FIELDS ARE
SUBCON-
SCIOUSLY
ADHERED
TO MINE.

TO A CERTAIN
EXTENT,
EVERY HUMAN
IS CAPABLE OF
DIRECTLY
EXCHANGING
THOUGHTS.
JUST FOR THAT,
IT IS NECESSARY
TO CONNECT
THEIR OD...
THEIR SPIRITUAL
MAGNETISM.



UNTIL YOU ARE ACCUSTOMED,
PLEASE SOUND OUT THE
WORDS DISTINCTLY IN YOUR
MIND. IF YOU MASTER
THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE,
THE COMMUNICATION OF
INTENT FAR BEYOND THAT
OF NORMAL CONVERSATION
BECOMES POSSIBLE.





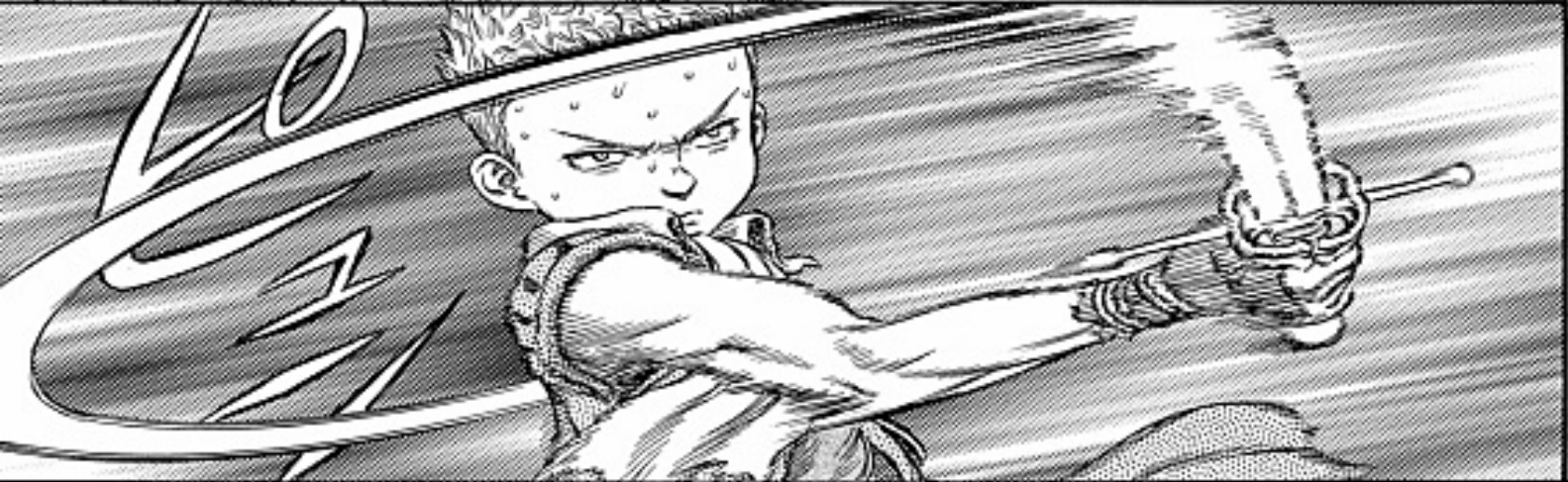
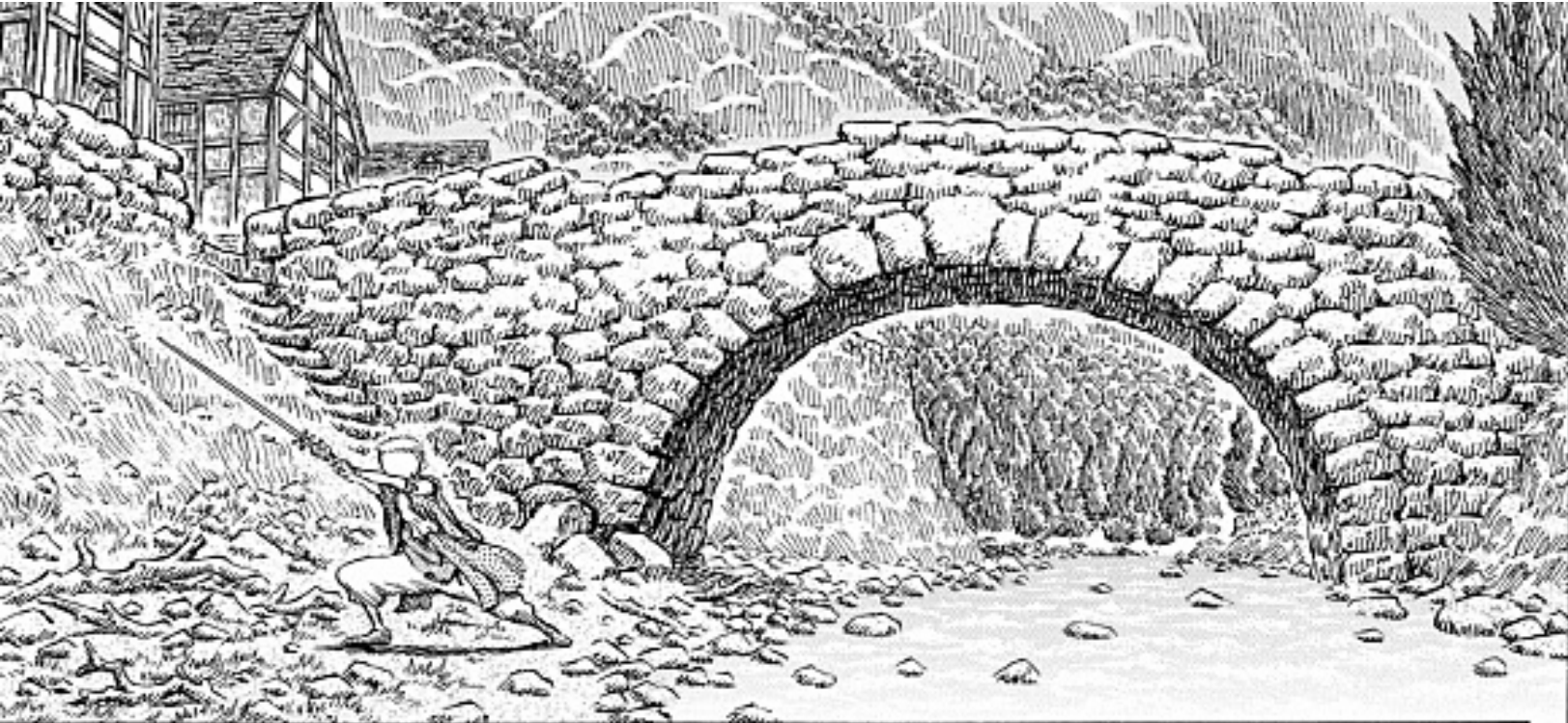
TH-THAT
AIN'T
FUNNY!!
JUST
'CAUSE YOU
CAN USE
A LITTLE
MAGIC,
YOU'RE
GONNA ACT
LIKE OUR
LEADER
?!



*FX: DASH

*FX: WHAM





*FX: SHINN



WHOO?

OW.
TOTTER



*SPLASH

GUTS AND
THE OTHERS
SURE GOT
COAXED INTO
IT BY THAT
FISSHAT
SHRIMP
QUICK
ENOUGH.

STILL,
THAT WITCH
APPRENTICE
JUST JOINED
US AND SHE
GETS TO
CALL THE
SHOTS.

DAMMIT.
NO MATTER
WHAT I DO, A
ONE-HANDED
SWORD GRIP
THROWS
ME OFF
BALANCE.

WHAT
HARD
WORK.
SWORD
PRACTICE,
SON?

QUIET,
YOU!

NO
COMMENTIN'
ON PEOPLE'S
THOUGHTS!

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT
WAS YOUR TURN TO PLAY SUPERIOR
TO THIS LITTLE GIRL EVEN MORE
HAYSEED THAN YOU, SUDDENLY
YOU'RE TREATED LIKE A MONKEY.
WHAT'S MORE, SHE STEALS ALL
THE GLORY, AND YOU'RE STILL
LEFT IN THE CELLAR...
THAT MUST STING.

IT'S
DANGER-
OUS TO
BE ALONE,
THOUGH.

OLD
MAN.

NEARLY ALL
THE FISH
IN THIS
RIVER'VE
BEEN
CAUGHT.

BUT NO
USE.

I
THOUGHT
I'D GET
SOME
FISH FOR
YOU ALL'S
DINNER
...

HMMM.

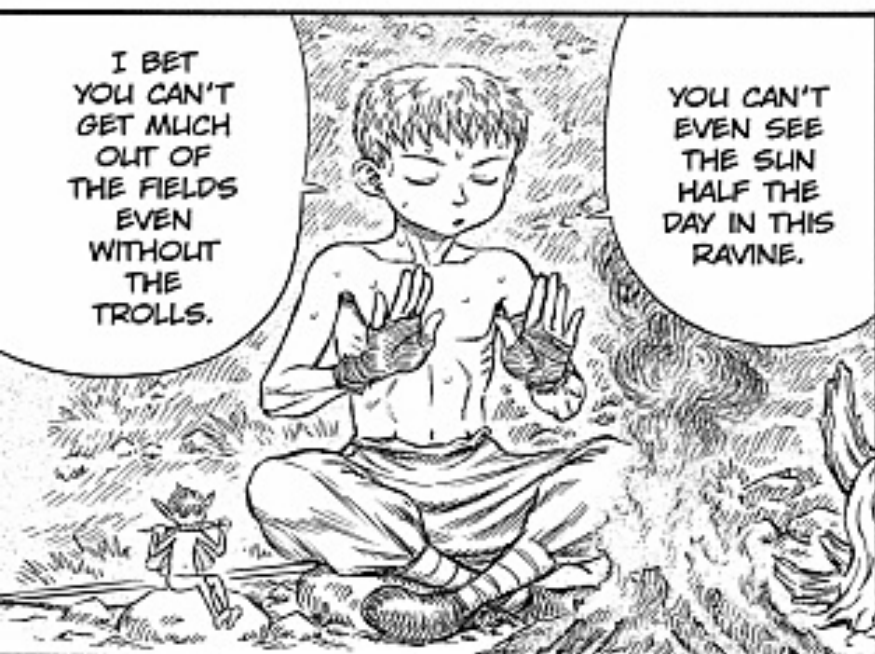
WHAT'RE
YOU DOIN',
THEN?

WELL,
POTATO
SOUP WILL
HAVE TO
DO.

WANT
SOME'N
MINE?

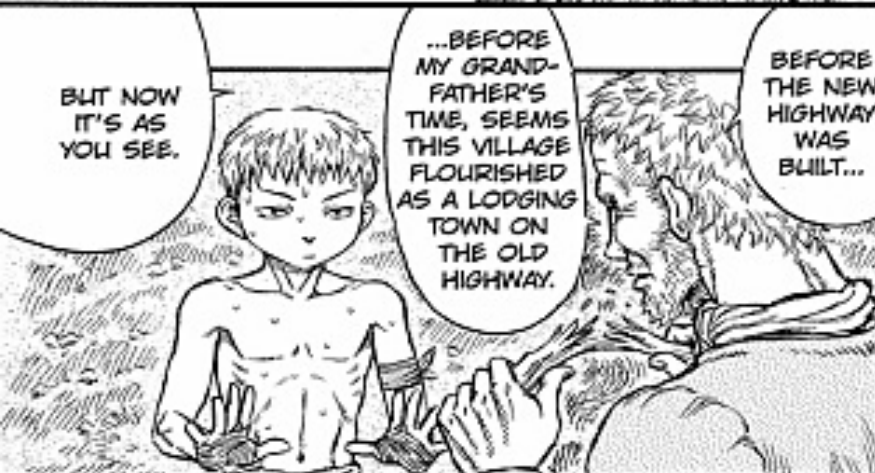


*FX: SNAP



I BET
YOU CAN'T
GET MUCH
OUT OF
THE FIELDS
EVEN
WITHOUT
THE
TROLLS.

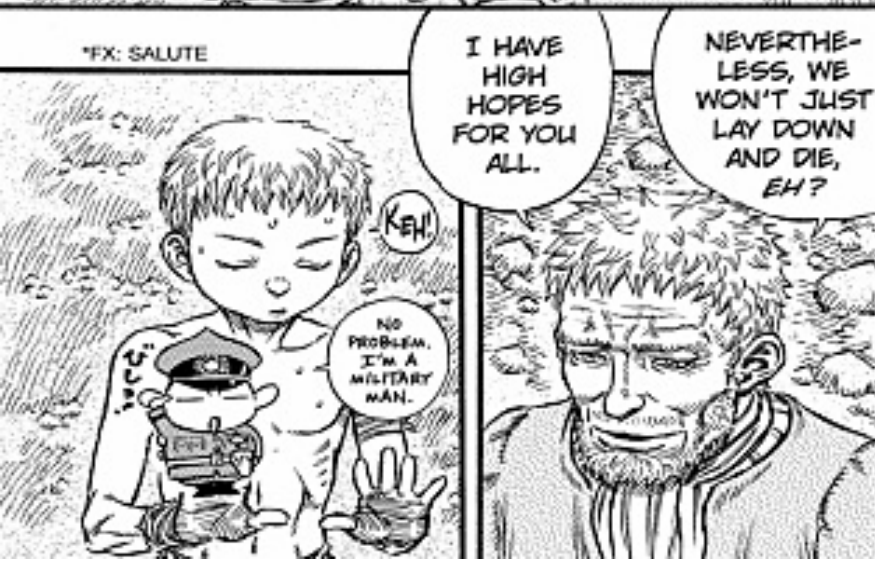
YOU CAN'T
EVEN SEE
THE SUN
HALF THE
DAY IN THIS
RAVINE.



BUT NOW
IT'S AS
YOU SEE.

...BEFORE
MY GRAND-
FATHER'S
TIME, SEEMS
THIS VILLAGE
FLOURISHED
AS A LODGING
TOWN ON
THE OLD
HIGHWAY.

BEFORE
THE NEW
HIGHWAY
WAS
BUILT...



*FX: SALUTE

I HAVE
HIGH
HOPES
FOR YOU
ALL.

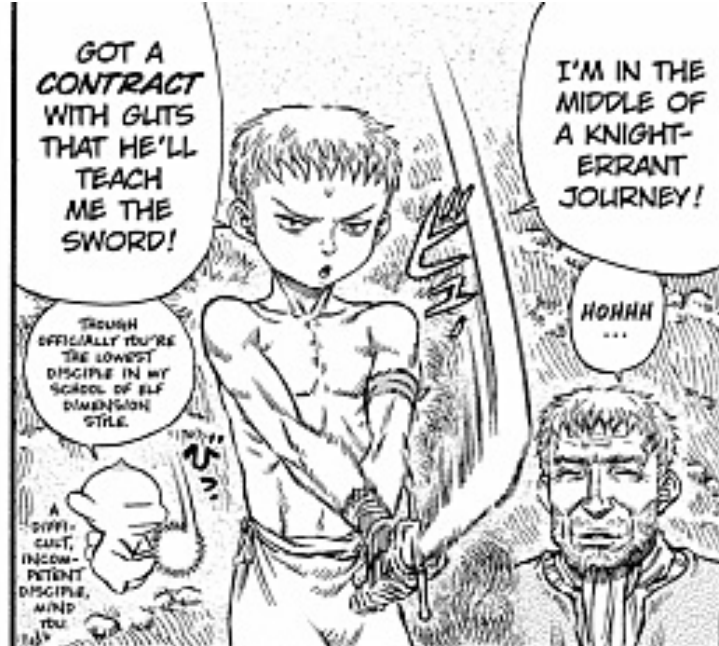
NEVERTHE-
LESS, WE
WON'T JUST
LAY DOWN
AND DIE,
EH?

KEH!

NO PROBLEM.
I'M A
MILITARY
MAN.

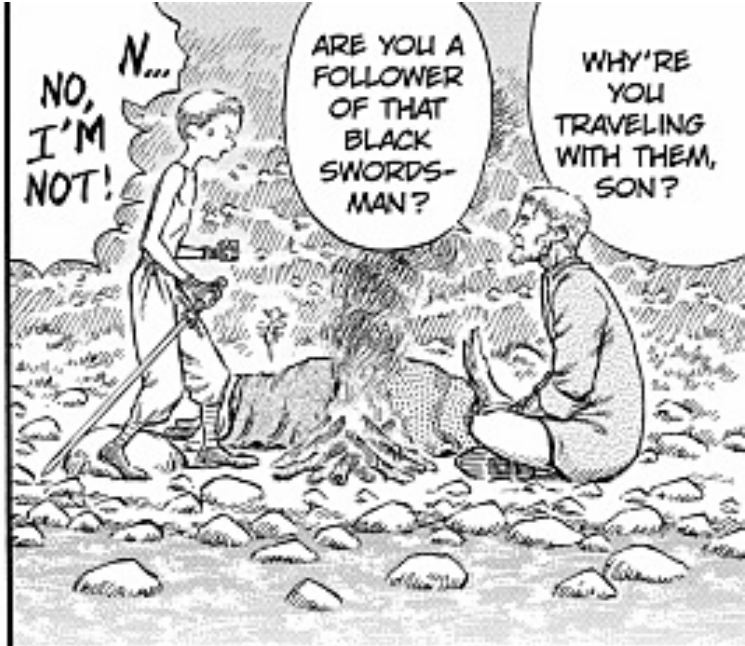


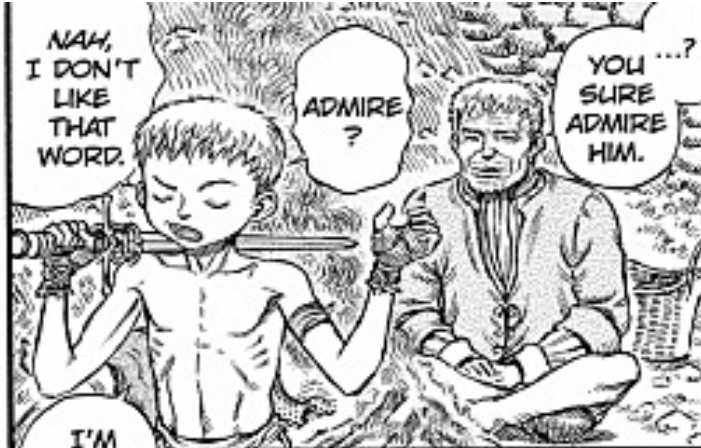
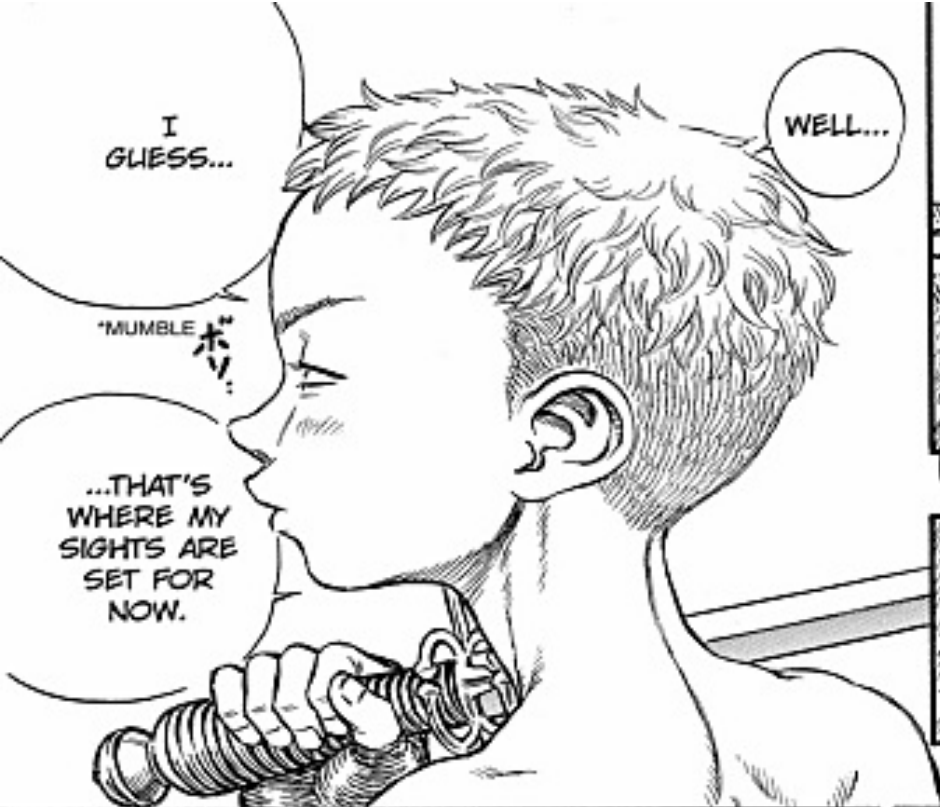
THIS SURE
IS ONE
SHABBY
VILLAGE,
THOUGH.



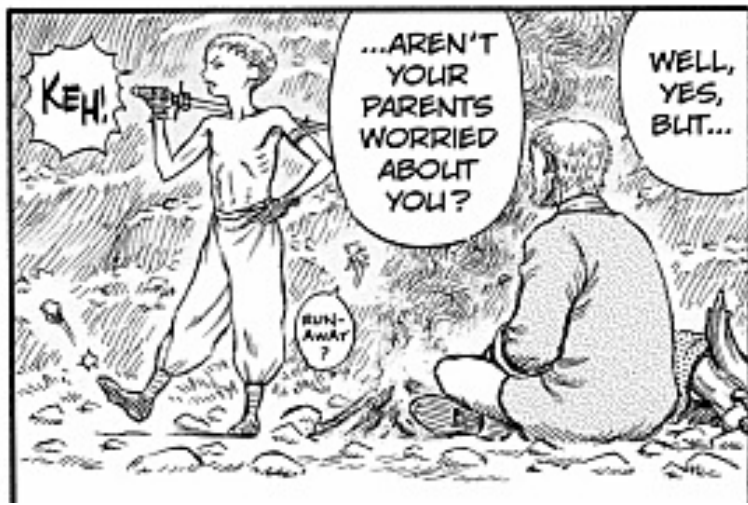
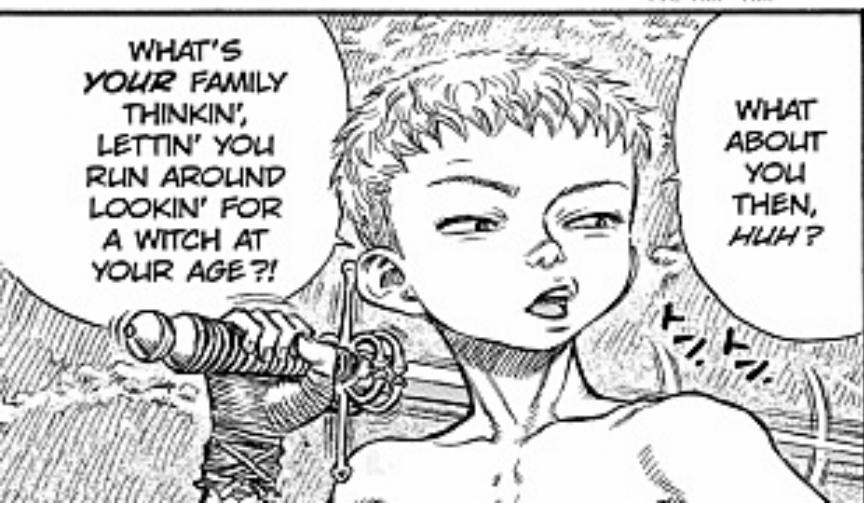
*FX: SWP

*FX: VYNN





*FX: TMP TMP

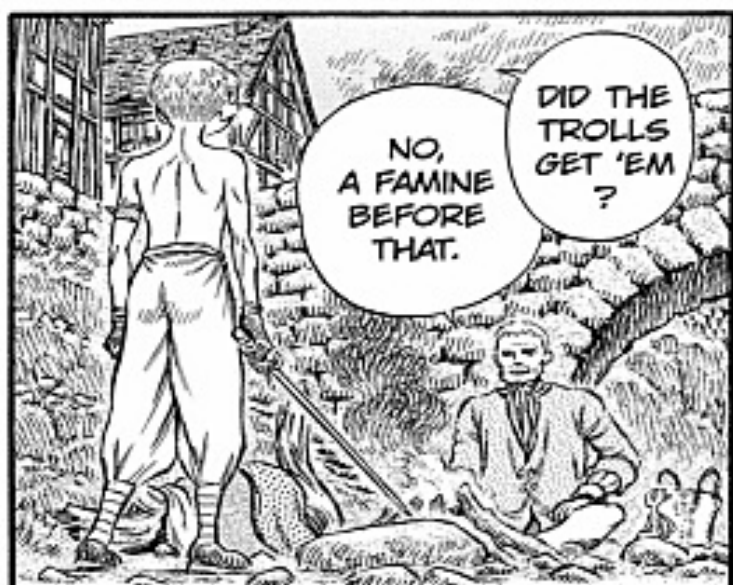




*FX: VNN VYNN



*FX: HEH HEH HEH



...ONE
MORE TIME
BEFORE
I DIE.

I GOT
TO SEE
HER...

DREAM
?

RATHER,
I'M THANKFUL.
I MEAN, HERE I
AM THIS AGE AND
MY DREAM WAS
FULFILLED.

LOOKING FOR WITCHES,
CATCHING ELVES...
I'D DITCH MY CHORES
AND RUN AROUND
THE MOUNTAINS AND
FORESTS AT THE
DROP OF A HAT.



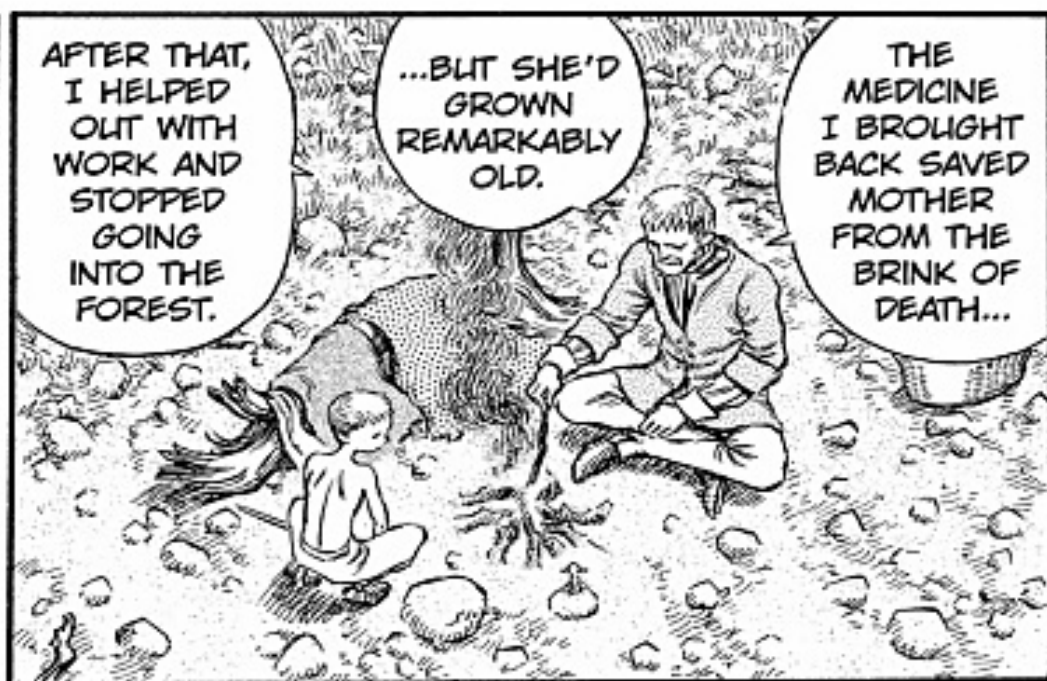
IT'S PROBABLY
TRUE FOR ALL BOYS,
BUT WHEN I WAS
YOUNG I LOVED TO
DAYDREAM.

...AND SET
SAIL ALONE
ON THE HIGH
SEA FROM
VRITANNIS...

LIKE YOU SAID,
I IMAGINED
THAT SOME DAY
I'D SNEAK AWAY
FROM THIS TINY
VILLAGE...

...MY
MOTHER
FELL ILL.

...UNTIL...





LINCHANGED,
AS SHE
USED TO
BE...

THAT
ALONE WAS
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

SHE
WAITED
FOR ME,
THOUGH.

DEEP
INSIDE THAT
FOREST...

A LONG
TIME'S PASSED,
AND AFTER SO
MUCH NORMAL
LIVING, MY
MEMORY'S
GROWN VAGUE.

BUT IT ALWAYS
STAYED STUCK
IN MY HEART.

THE ONE
ADVENTURE
I HAD.

WHETHER OR
NOT IT REALLY
HAPPENED...

*FX: LUNGE



DON'T TALK
ABOUT THE
GOOD OL'
DEPRESSIN'
DAYS !!

NOW'S
A TIME
FOR THE
YOUNG
!!

GOOD
GRIEF,
KIDS THESE
DAYS.



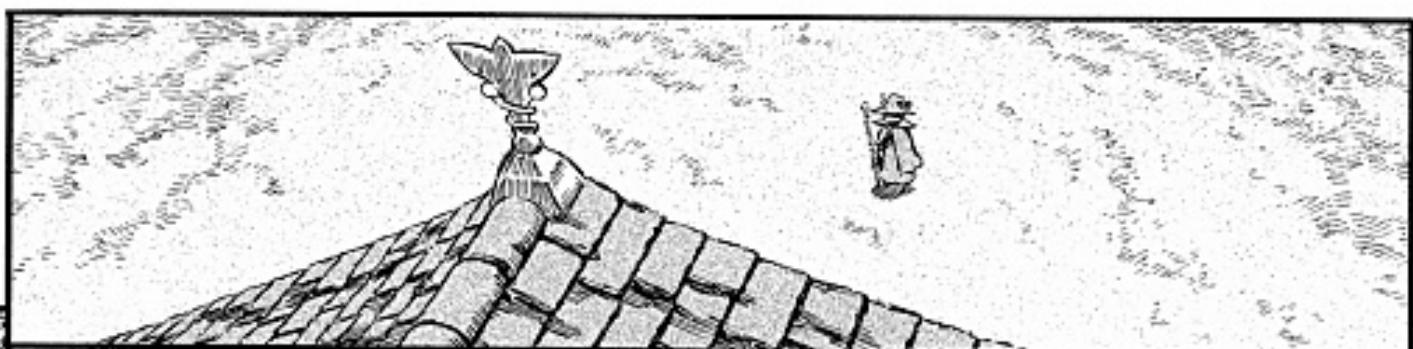
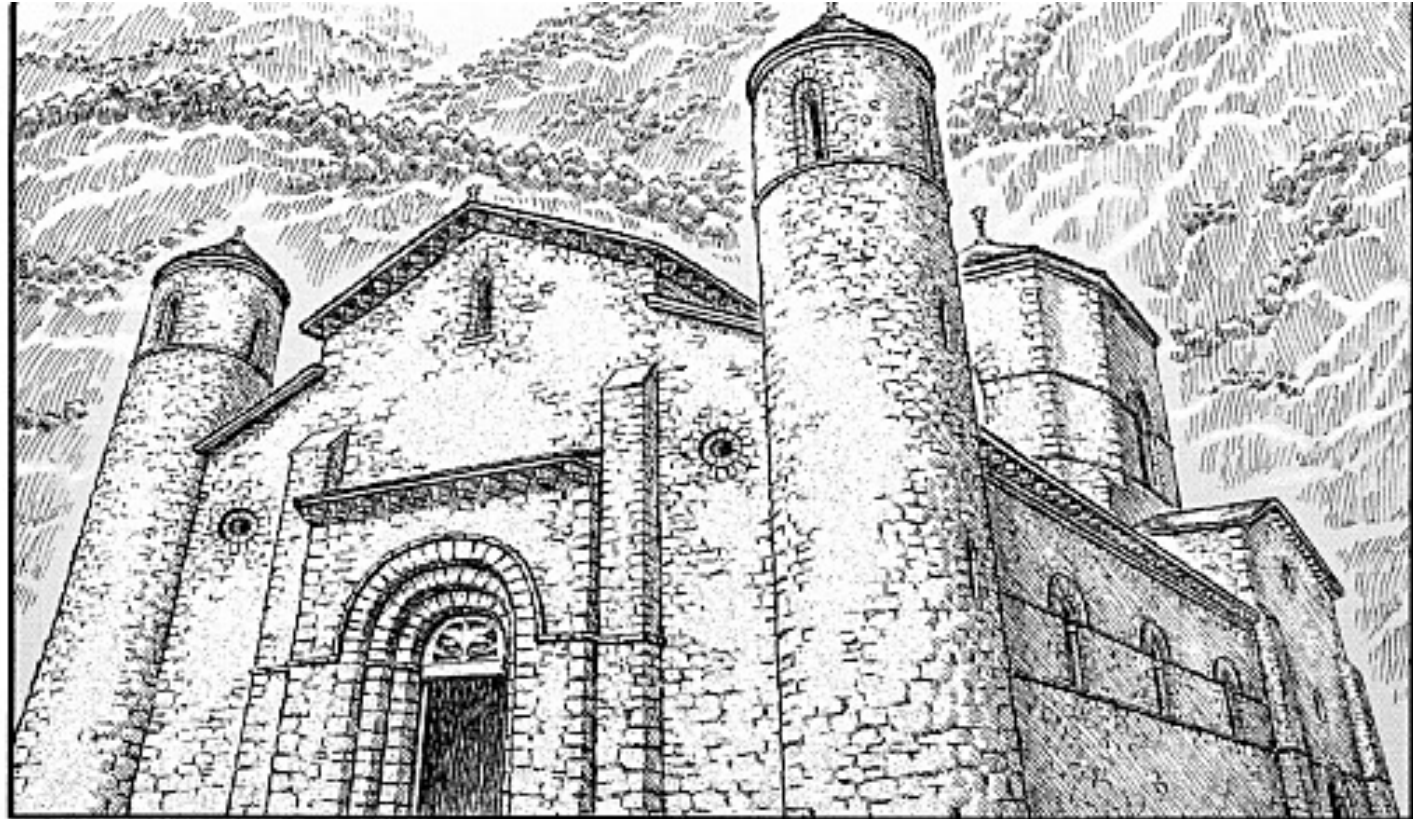
ENOUGH
WITH THE
CRAPPY
STORY !!



DON'T LUMP
YOURSELF
WITH ME
WHEN I'M
CARRYIN'
OUT MY
GOALS !!

YOU GREW
ANCIENT IN THIS
RUSTIC LITTLE
VILLAGE HOLDIN'
ON TO YOUR
PRETTY LITTLE
DREAM !!







THIS IS
THE ONLY
PLACE TO
SET UP.

SO
YEAH...



...IF THE
VILLAGERS
HOLD UP,
IT WILL
PROBABLY
BE HERE.

WHEN
THE
TROLLS
ATTACK...



...I HAVE
TO STAY
LEVEL
HEADED
ABOUT
THIS.

ANYWAY...

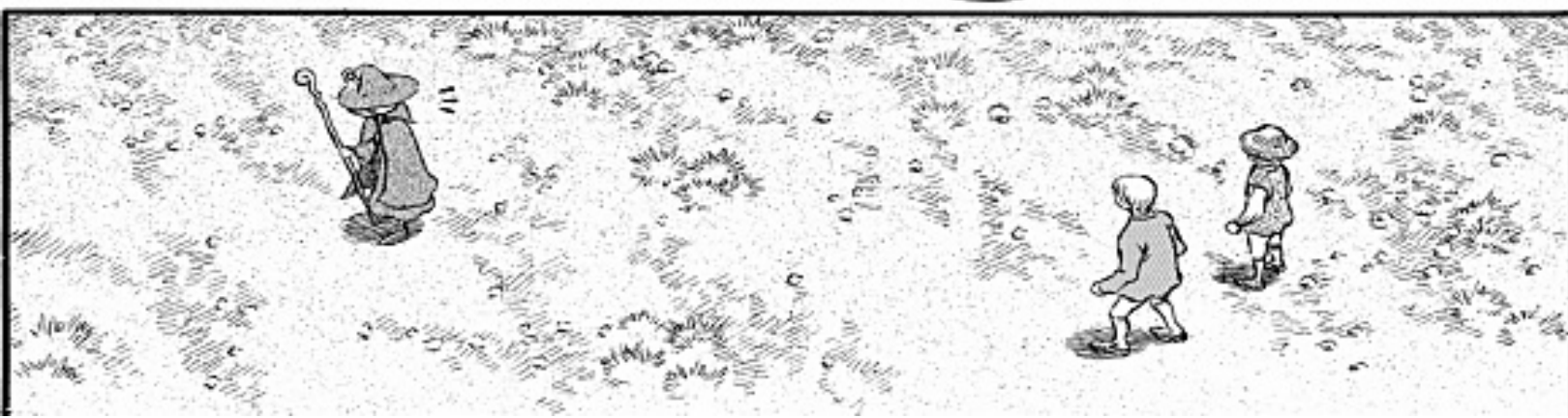


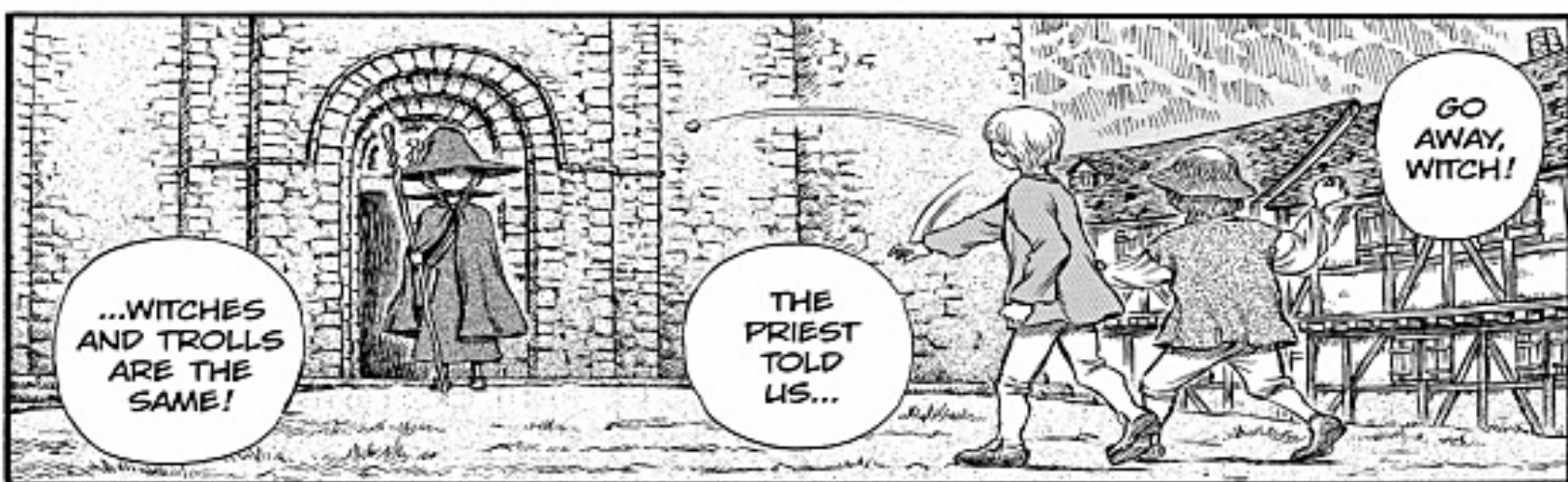
ボス
*BSMP



BUT...

...THIS
PLACE
WHERE
THE
CHURCH
WAS
BUILT...





*FX: GCHAK



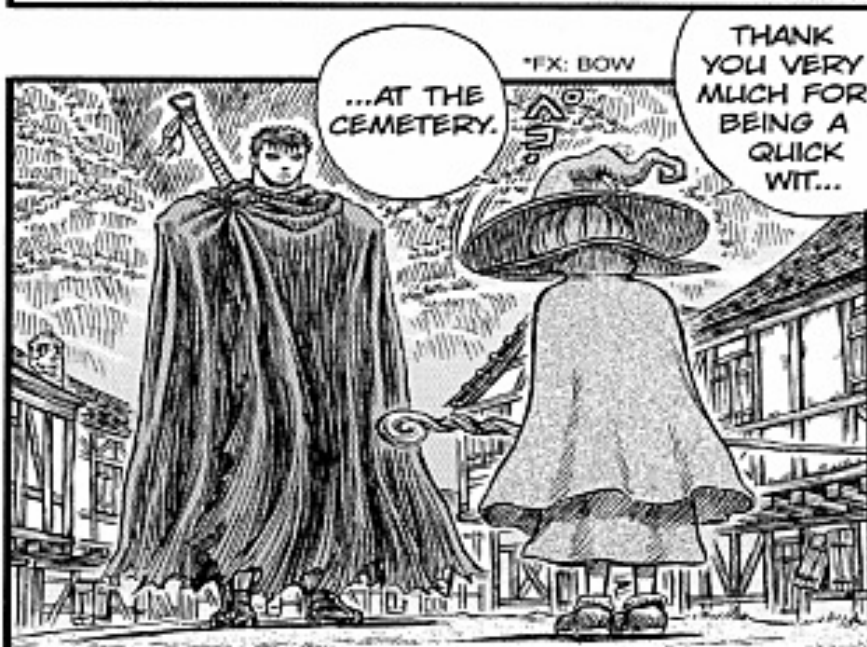




...NO
WORSE THAN
AN ARMY.
THEY DIDN'T
RAZE THE
PLACE.

WELL
...

THE WHOLE
PLACE'S BEEN
RANSACKED
GOOD.



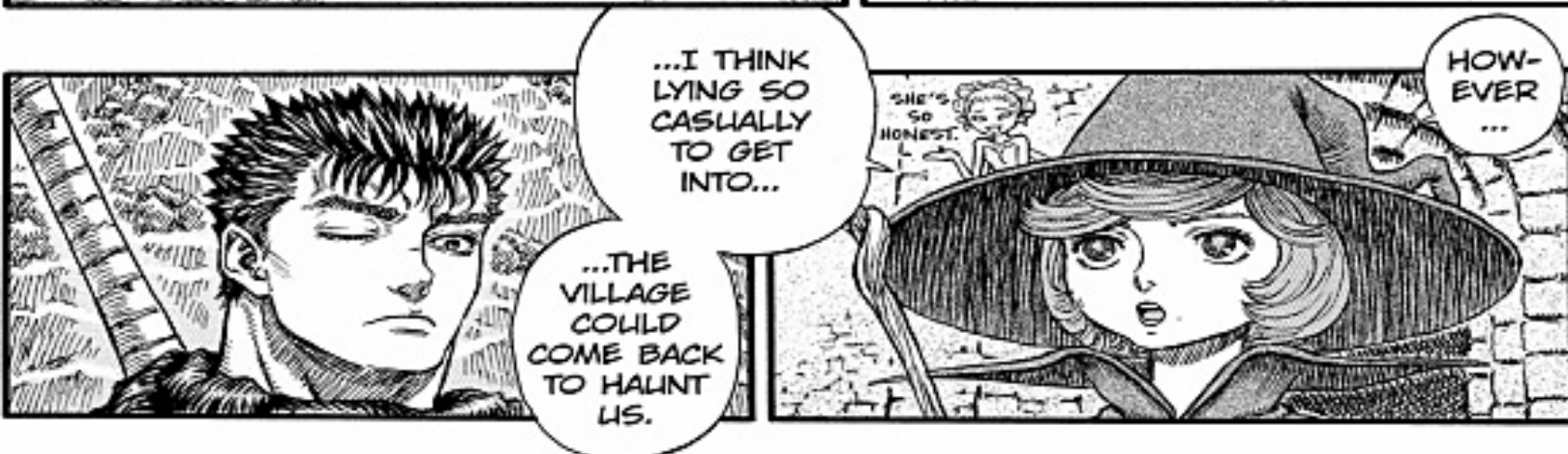
...AT THE
CEMETERY.

*FX: BOW

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH FOR
BEING A
QUICK
WIT...



UH...



...I THINK
LYING SO
CASUALLY
TO GET
INTO...

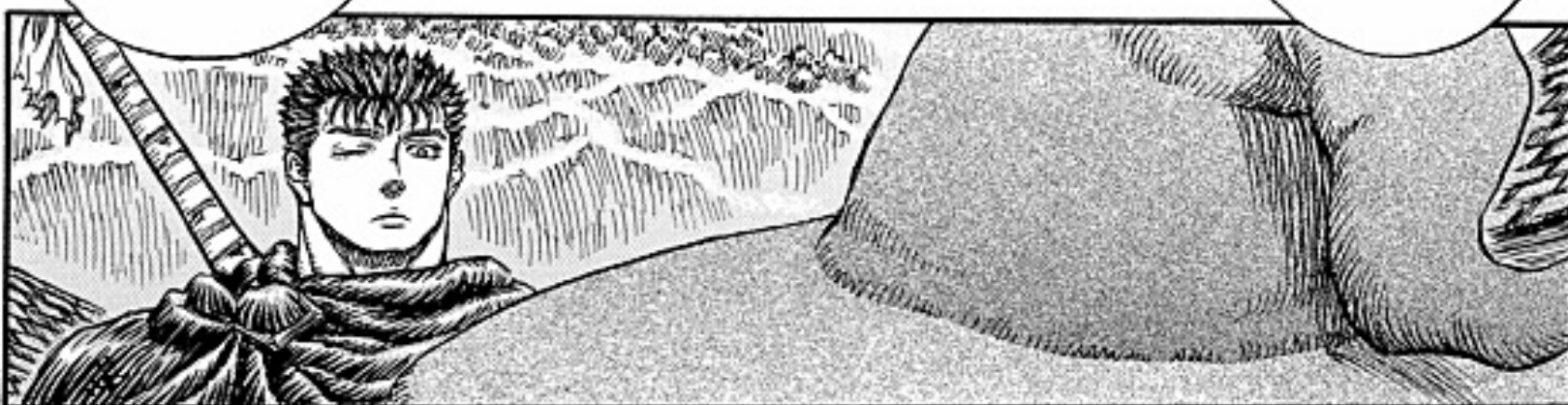
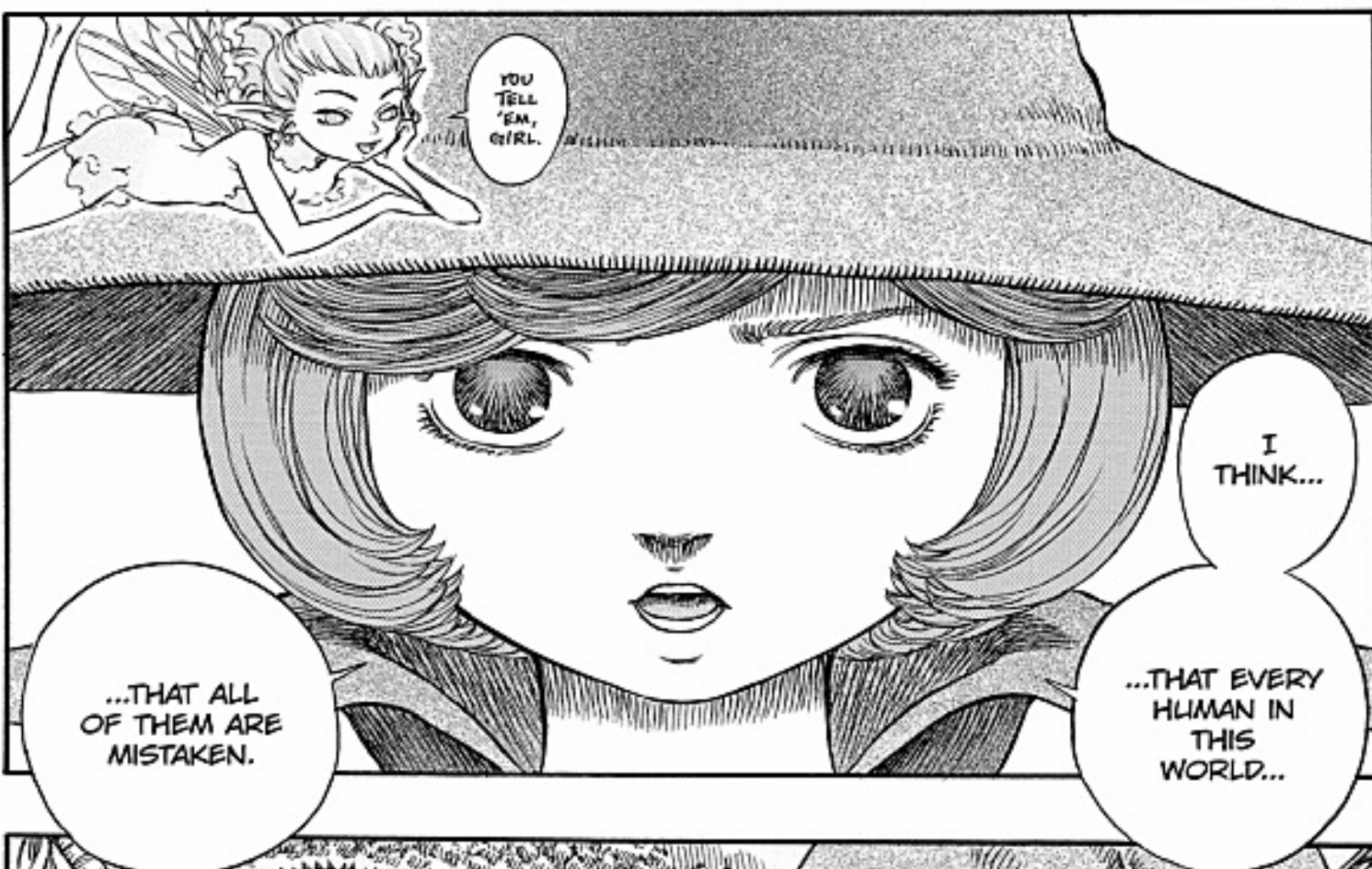
...THE
VILLAGE
COULD
COME BACK
TO HAUNT
US.

SHE'S
SO
HONEST.

HOW-
EVER
...



I'D SAY
THE OLD LADY
TRAINED
HER WELL.





...A SHRINE
TO THE
SPIRITS
OF THIS
LAND.

IT USED
TO BE...

THIS
HILL UPON
WHICH THIS
CHURCH IS
BUILT...



...THE SACRED
PLACES OF THE
SPIRIT FAITH
WHERE THEY
WERE BUILT.

LITERALLY
CRUSHING...

MANY
OF THE
HOLY SEE'S
CHURCHES
ARE THAT
WAY...



...IS NOTHING
MORE THAN A
TOOL BY WHICH TO
DISPLAY ITS OWN
POLITICAL POWER.

THE CURRENT
DOCTRINE OF
THE HOLY
SEE...



PEOPLE
INVOKE THE
NAME OF GOD
WHEN GOING
TO WAR.


THEY INVOKE
THE NAME OF
GOD WHEN
SEEKING
SALVATION.

OVER
AND OVER,
NEVER
TIRING.


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TROLL RAID

トロイメ
獣鬼襲来



LONG AGO,
MY MISTRESS
LIVED IN A HUMAN
HABITATION IN
THIS VICINITY.



YOU MEAN
YOU WITCHES
ARE INCLUDED
IN THAT?

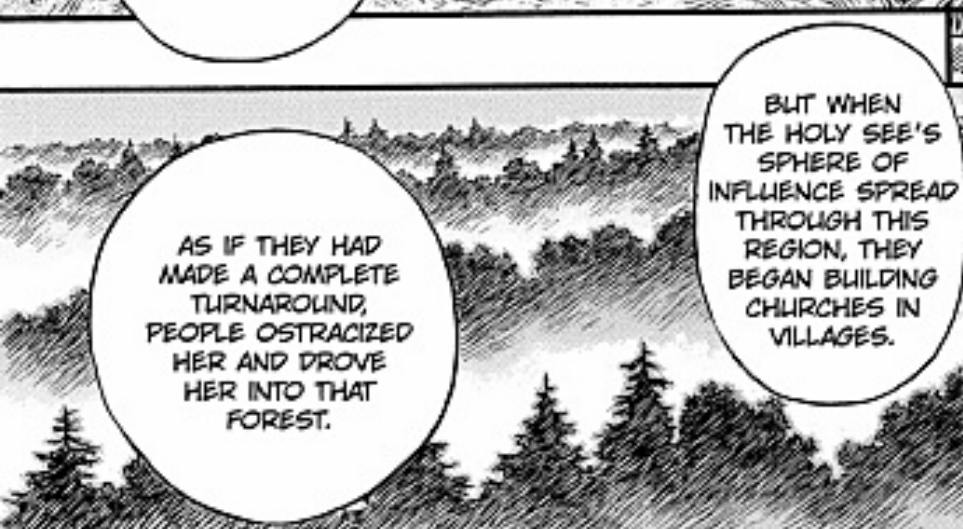
...IN THE
VERY ONES
THEY ARE
TRYING TO
FORGET.



SHE SAYS
SHE WOULD
GO AROUND
TO THE NEEDY
VILLAGES...

...CONVEYING
THE SPIRITS'
VOICES TO
PEOPLE,
TEACHING ABOUT
EACH SEASON'S
WEATHER,
AND HEALING
THEIR SICK.

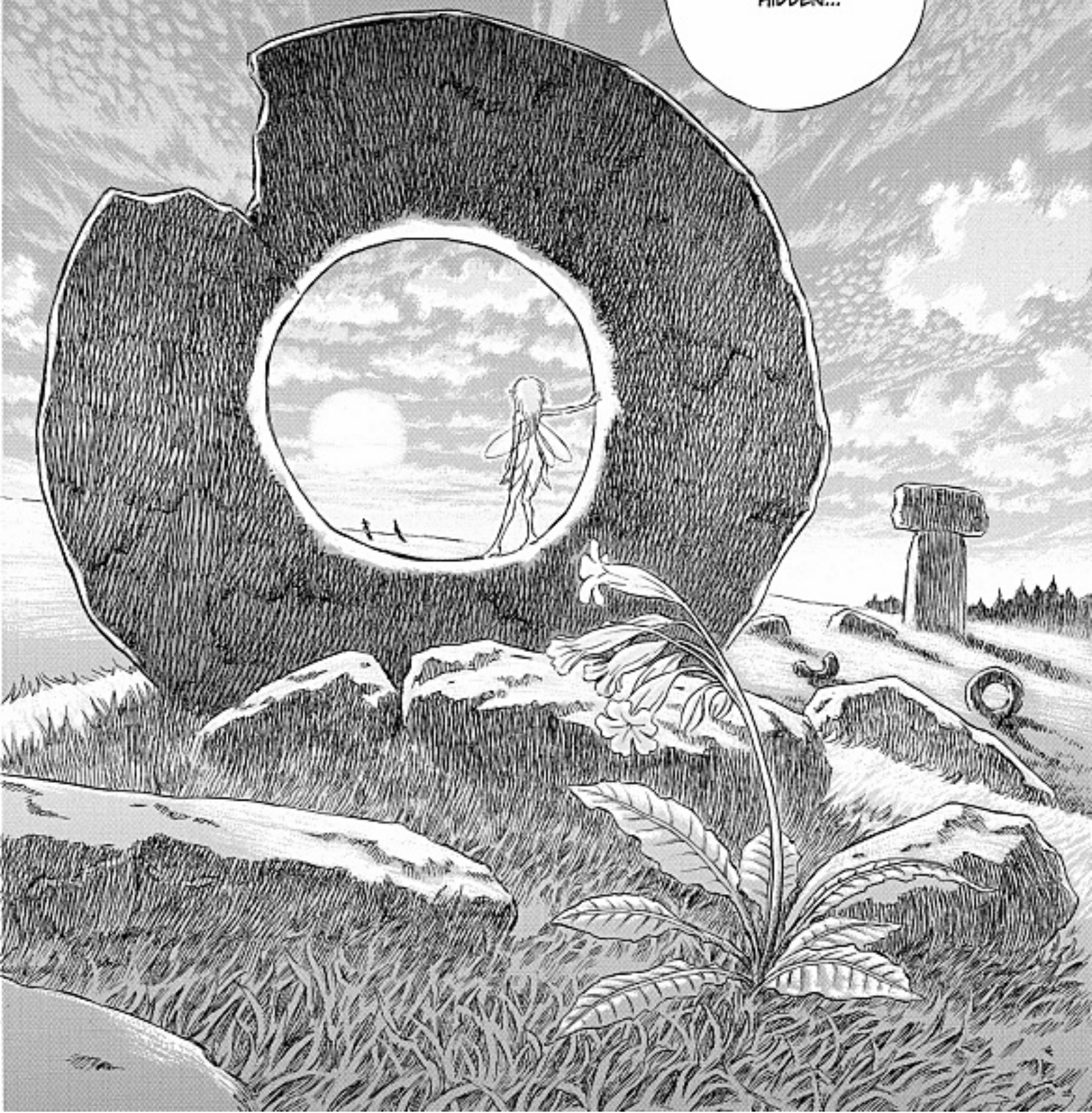
WHO KNOWS
HOW MANY
PEOPLE WERE
SAVED BY MY
MISTRESS'
MAGIC?

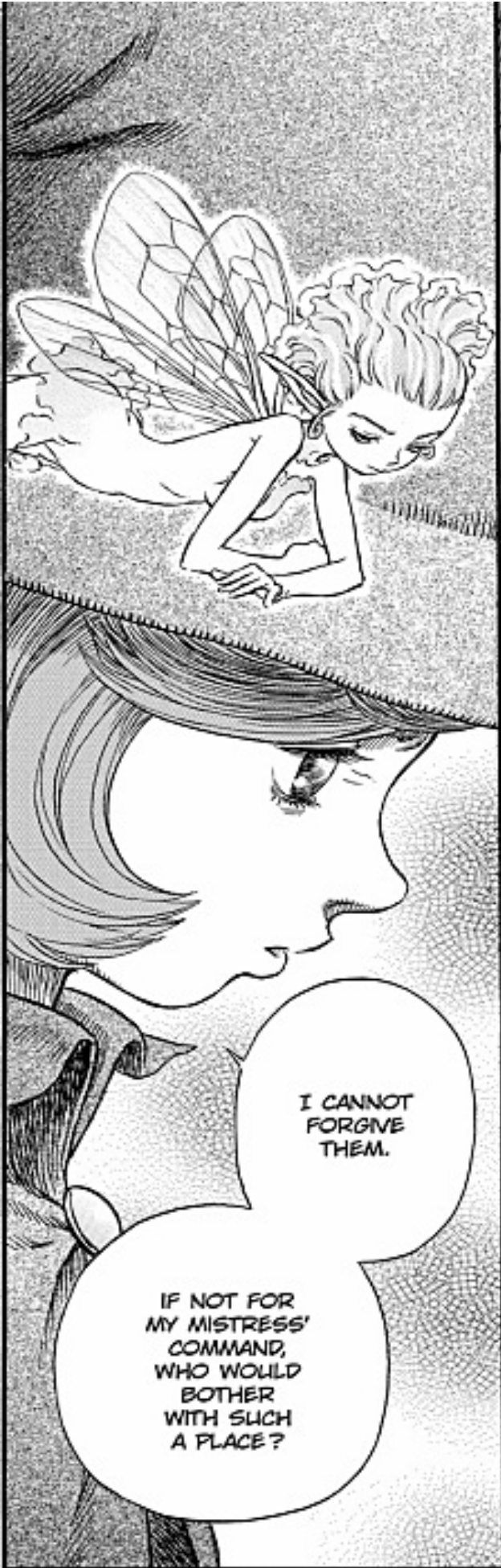


AS IF THEY HAD
MADE A COMPLETE
TURNAROUND,
PEOPLE OSTRACIZED
HER AND DROVE
HER INTO THAT
FOREST.

BUT WHEN
THE HOLY SEE'S
SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE SPREAD
THROUGH THIS
REGION, THEY
BEGAN BUILDING
CHURCHES IN
VILLAGES.

WHEN THE
KEY THAT
SAVES THEM
MAY BE
HIDDEN...





I CANNOT
FORGIVE
THEM.

IF NOT FOR
MY MISTRESS'
COMMAND,
WHO WOULD
BOTHR
WITH SUCH
A PLACE?

AND
NOW...

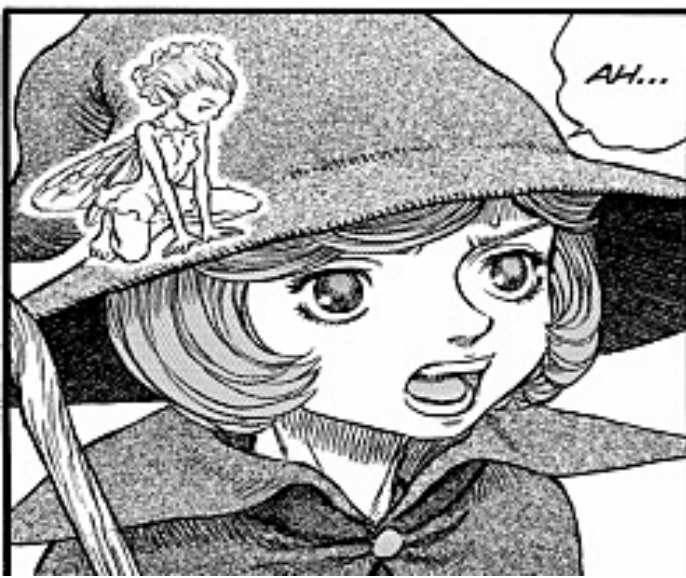


...ALMOST
AS IF
NOTHING
HAPPENED...

SINCE
THEN MY
MISTRESS
HAS LIVED
THERE...

...AS IF
AVOIDING
PEOPLE'S
EYES AND
HIDING.







.....!

WHATTA
YOU EXPECT?
SHE REALLY
IS A KID,
I KNOW.

THAT'S
A FOOL'S
ERRAND,
JUST KIDDIN'
AROUND.

SOMEONE
TELLS YOU
TO DO
SOMETHIN'
YOU DON'T
WANT TO DO,
BUT YOU
DO IT
ANYWAY...



...INSINCERE
PERSON!!

HEY,
SCHIERKE.

WHAT AN ILL-
MANNERED...

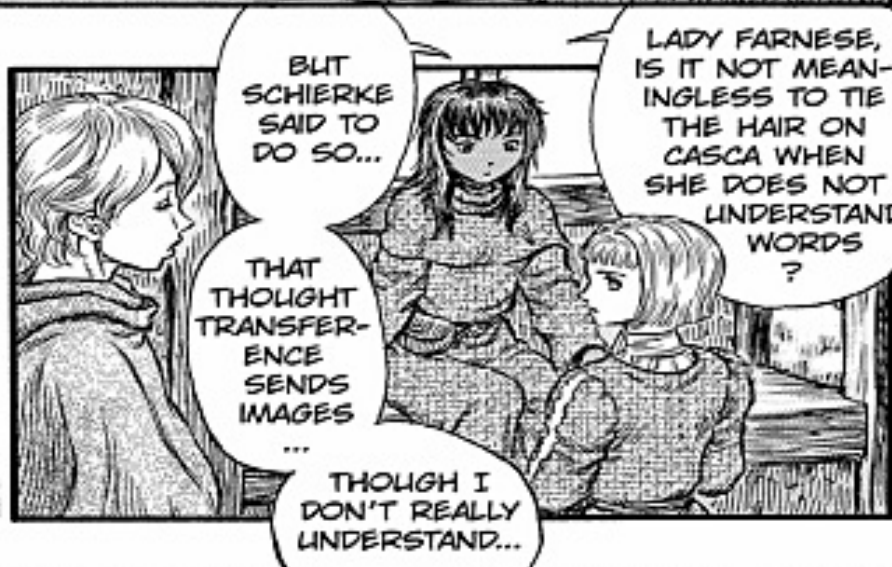
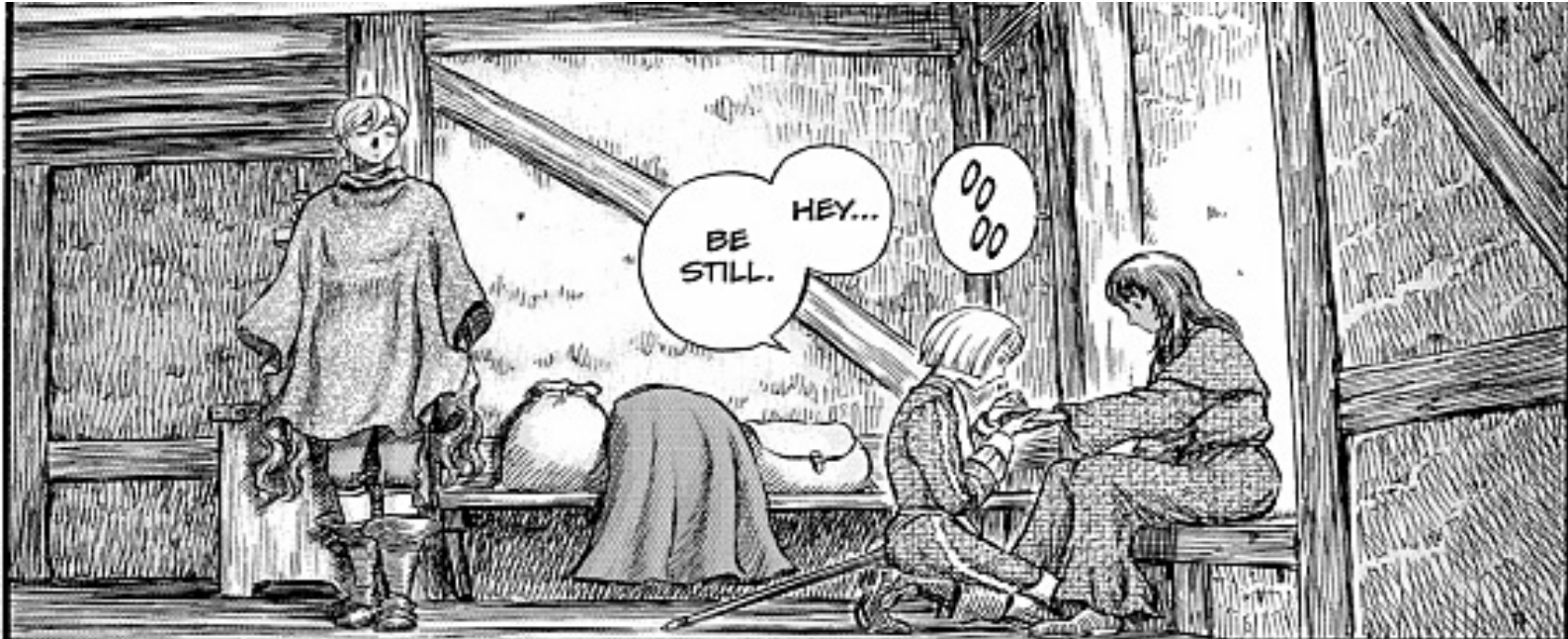
I'M THE ONE
WHO BROUGHT
HIM ALONG
UNWILLINGLY!



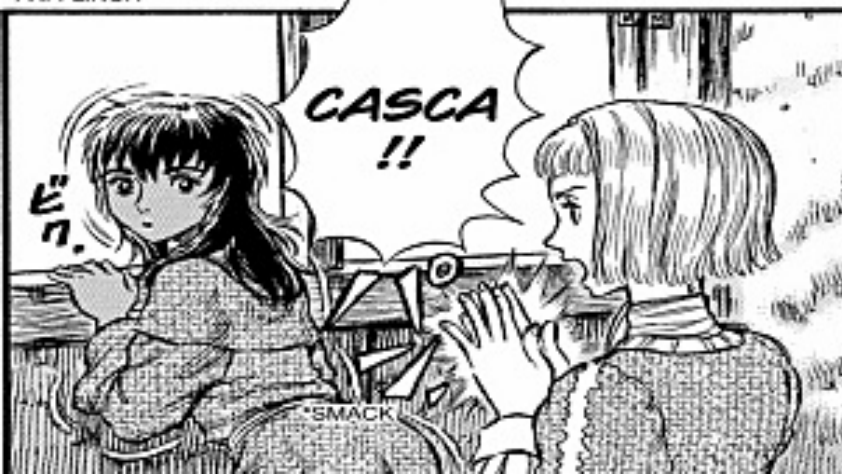
...COULD
NOT BE
MY FATE!!
NEVER!!!

SOMEONE
LIKE HIM...

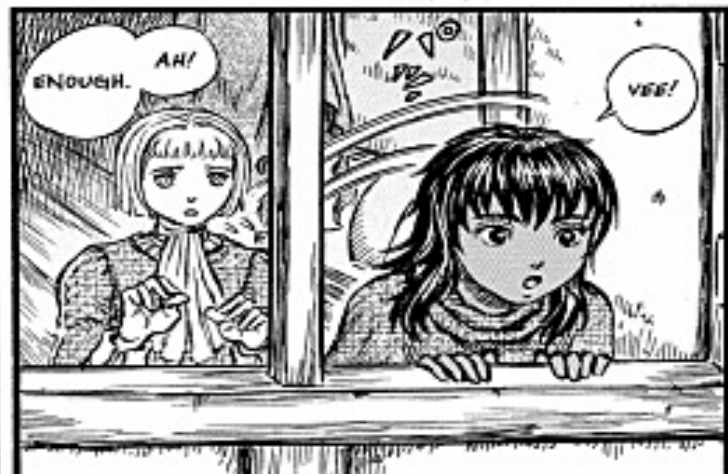
SCHIERKE
?



*FX: FLINCH



*FX: LUNGE





IT'S ONE
THING I
COULDN'T
DO...

BUT SHE
HAS CHANGED.





A character with short, wavy hair, wearing a hooded cloak, is shown in profile. They are holding a long, thin sword that glows with a light blue energy. The sword is held diagonally across the frame.

SPIRITS OF
WIND...




*FX: BTAM



A long, thin sword is shown horizontally, glowing with a light blue energy. The blade is sharp and pointed towards the right.

BLOWING
ANYWHERE AND
EVERYWHERE...

...FETTERED
TO NOTHING...



A character in a hooded cloak stands on a wooden structure, looking out over a landscape. The landscape features a valley with a small village and a large, dark, stormy sky. The character is holding a sword.

THEY ARE
WHAT IS
MOST ALIEN
TO ME.

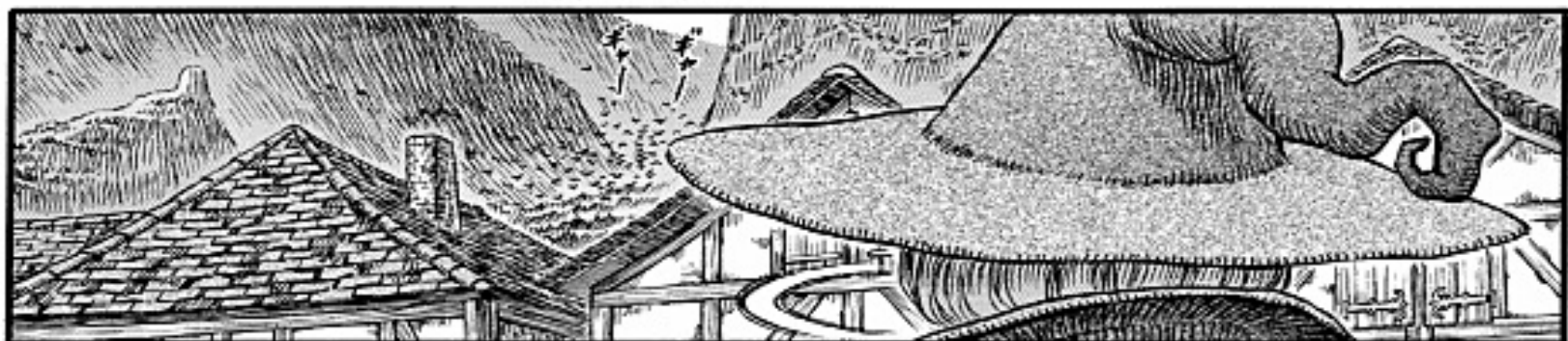
IT IS
IRONIC.



*FX: VYUUUUU

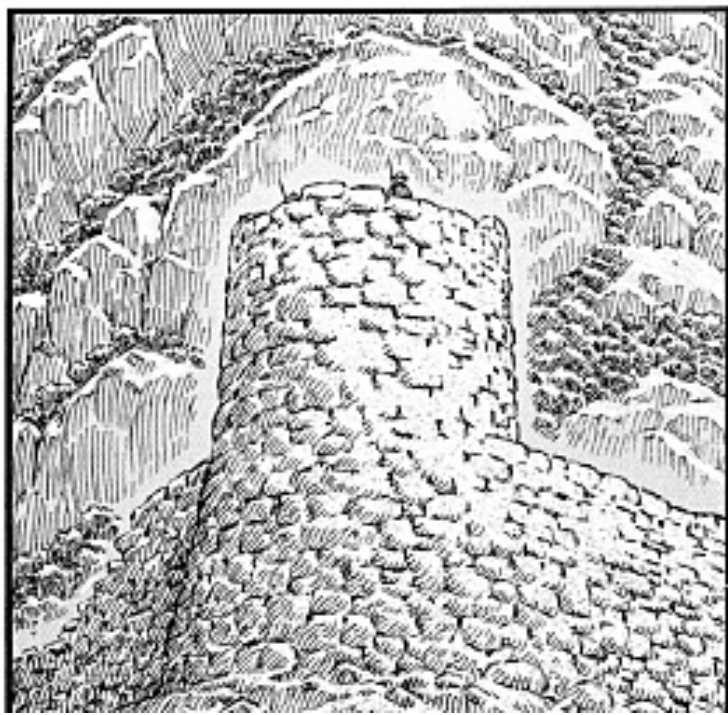


*FX: CAWWW CAWWW

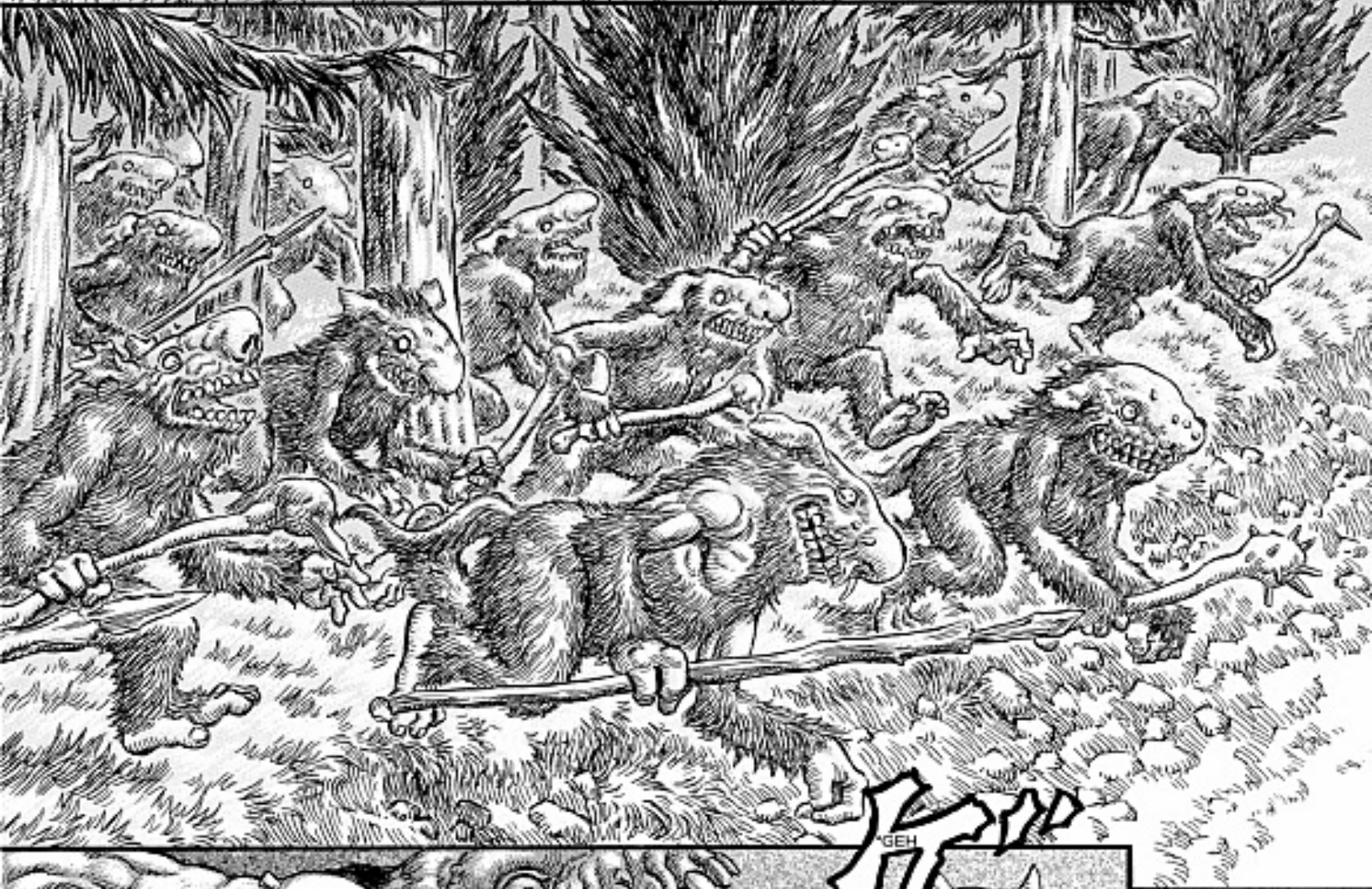




*FX: CAWWW CAWWW







A HUNDRED...
NO, *MORE*
OF THOSE
DAMN
THINGS!!

WHAT'S
WITH THESE
NUMBERS
?!

TROLLS
....!!

OH,
RIGHT
....!!

FIRST
THE
HORN
!!

THEY'VE
RUN OUT
OF THINGS
TO STEAL...

H-HEY!!
IF WE DON'T
FLEE SOON,
WE'RE IN BIG
TROUBLE!!

...SO THIS
TIME THEY
MEAN TO EAT
EVERY-
THING!!

“HRRRRRN”

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“HRRRRRN”

“HRRRRRN”

ホ
オ



IT'S A HUGE
PACK OF
TROLLS!!

EVERYONE
TO THE
CHURCH!!



ANYWAY, LET
US GO TO
THE CHURCH.
ALL THE VIL-
LAGERS ARE
GATHERING
THERE.

WE DID,
TOO.

I GOT THAT
THOUGHT TRANS-
FERENCE ALREADY!
SURE IS HANDY!
CREEPY,
THOUGH!

*FX: DSSH







SPIRITS...
SPIRITS...



REMEMBER
SCHIERKE'S
WORDS
!!

SERPICO
!!

OH...
THAT'S
RIGHT.

BE
PREPARE!



IMAGE...
IMAGE...

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M
M
M
...



YES...

IT FELT
LIKE THIS.



IGHH!

AGHH!

WHOA!
HERE THEY
COME!

'ZHA

'ZHA

'ZHA

'ZHA

'ZHA



STOP

This is the back of the book!

This manga collection is translated into English but oriented in right-to-left reading format at the creator's request, maintaining the artwork's visual orientation as originally published in Japan. If you've never read manga in this way before, take a look at the diagram below to give yourself an idea of how to go about it. Basically, you'll be starting in the upper right corner and will read each balloon and panel moving right to left. It may take some getting used to, but you should get the hang of it very quickly. Have fun!



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BERSERK

**KENTARO
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Desperate to find a sanctuary where his lover, Casca, will be safe from the demons drawn to her Brand of Sacrifice, Guts the Black Swordsman pushes his motley band of followers onward toward fairy Puck's homeland, Elfhelm. With new allies who make their home in a mystically guarded woodland paradise, Guts' goal seems within reach, but danger lurks in the shadows of even the most dazzling utopias, and even fairy witchery may not protect Guts and his companions from an army of marauding, murderous trolls!

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is a runaway manga locomotive, a crashing colossus of teeth-rattling action, spine-chilling horror, and taboo-breaking humor that fires the boilers of its devoted devotees and just fires the rest. Ashes to ashes!

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